

THE POPISH ROYALL FAVOURITE:

OR,

A full Discovery of His Majesties
Extraordinary *Favours* to, and *Protections* of
notorious *Papists*, *Priests*, *Jesuits*, against all prosecutions
and penalties of the *Laws* enacted against them; notwithstanding
his many Royall *Proclamations*, *Declarations*, and *Protestations* to the
contrary: As likewise of a most desperate long prosecuted
Designe to set up *Popery*, and extirpate the *Protestant Religion*
by degrees, in this our Realme of *England*, and
all His Majesties Dominions.

Manifested by sundry *Letters of Grace*, *Warrants*,
and other *Writings* under the Kings owne *Signe-Mannall*,
Privy-Signet, His *Privy-Councels*, and *Secretary Windebanks* hands and
Seals, by divers *Orders* and *Proceedings* in open *Sessions* at *Newgate*, in the
Kings Bench, and elsewhere (all extant on Record in the *Sessions Books*,
Goal-Books, *Crown-Office*, where all who scruple their indubitable verity
or reality, may peruse them for their better satisfaction;) As likewise
by the Kings *Letter* to the *Pope*, His marriage *Articles*, *Oaths*,
and other pregnant Testimonies, wor by publike
knowledge and consideration

Collected and published by Authority of Parliament:
by *William Prynne*, of *Lincolns Inne*, t squire.

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And Jehu the sonne of Hanani the Seer went out to meet him. and said to King Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou helpe
the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? therefore is wrath upon thee from the Lord.

ISA Y 29. 15. to 20.

Woe unto them that seeke deep to hide their counsell from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say,
Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside downe shall be esteemed as the por-
ters clay. And in that day shall the deafe heare the words of the booke; and the eyes of the blinde shall see
out of obscurity and out of darkness; the meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord; and the poore among
men shall rejoyce in the holy One of Israel. For the terrible one shall be brought to nought, and the scorner shall
be consumed, and all that watch for iniquity shall be cut off.

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IT is this seventeenth day of *November 1643.* ordered by the Committee of the House of Commons concerning Printing, that this Booke intituled, *The Popish Royall Favourite, &c.* be printed by *Michael Sparkes* senior.

JOHN WHITE.



* See their Remonstrance, and Dr. Iones, his booke.

A materiall Observation.

THE * Rebels in *Ireland*, declared the Parliaments proceedings and intendments against Papists, the only ground of their Rebellion.

The Queene soone after, for to aid them and the English Romanists, departs the Realme with the Kings Jewels, to raise Moneys, Men, provide Armes, Ammunition, the which she strenuously performed.

The King immediatly upon her departure deserts the Parliament altogether, notwithstanding all Petitions, Messages to reduce him: raiseth an Army, first of English Malignants, then of Papists, to divert all supplies from hence against the popish Rebels in *Ireland*, and secure the Catholike party in *England* and *Scotlaad*.

Upon the Queenes returne, the Irish Rebels are first supplied with Armes and Ammunition from the Queene, then, after some negotiation, received into the Kings Royall favour as his good Catholike Subjects, by Articles of Pacification, under his great Seale, contrary to two expresse Acts passed by him this Parliament, to the undoing of the English Adventurers and Protestant party there: And finally, they are sent for hither to aid the King and English Catholikes against the Parliament. Judge then whether the Kings departure from, and taking up Armes against the Parliament, be not only and wholly to maintaine his Roman Catholikes and their Religion, according to the tenour of his ensuing marriage Oathes and Articles, what ever be pretended, protested to the contrary.

The King besides the generall & speciall Articles of the *Spanish* match hereafter mentioned, tooke this further Royall Oath, *ex abundanti;* (as the * *French Mercury* records;) To permit at all times that any one should freely propose unto him the arguments of the Roman Catholike Religion, without giving any impeachment thereunto: and that he would never permit, neither directly nor indirectly, that any one should speake to the Infanta against it; taking since the like Oath, with reference to the Queene: by which he hath irresistably exposed himselfe to all temptations, seducements to the Antichristian Religion, and bound himselfe, neither by word nor deed to make the least opposition against it, but to give it all the protection and encouragements that may be, and to the professors of it, as appears by the Articles ensuing p. 48, 49, &c.

* Pag. 48, 49. where this passage should have been inserted.

* Tom. 9. An. 1624. p. 9.

TO
HIS EXCELLENCY

ROBERT Earle of ESSEX, &c.

*Lord Generall of the Forces raised by the Parliament,
for the defence of the Kingdome, King, Religion, Lawes,
Liberties, against the Popish and Malignant Party, who
by force of Armes invade them, and intend
their utter ruine.*

Right Honourable,



He * goodnesse of the Cause for which Armes are taken up,
is the Generals, Souldiers, greatest encouragement: where
Religion and Iustice are the reall Causes, Victory and Suc-
cesse will certainly be the eff. & of Warre. That these
are the true unfained grounds of the Parliaments and your
Excellencies defensive Armes, is sufficiently manifested

* Albericus Gen-
tiles, & Hugo
Grotius de Iure
belli, lib. 1.

H. Bocerus de
Iure pugne, l. 1.

c. 5 Georgius
Obrechtus de Belli
Principiis the-
ses 50. to 82.

Hen. Ranzo.
Bellici Com-
mentarii, l. 1. c. 4.

to the world by sundry late printed Discourses; but by none more perspi-
cuously cleared then by these Collections, which upon this consideration
especially I humbly recommend to your Honourable Patronage.

The extraordinary presence and admirable protection of God, with
that victorious successe, which hath accompanied your Excellency in two
Signall Battels, at Edge hill and Newbery, wherein the Enemy (by reason
of their many advantages) assured themselves of a full and totall Conquest,
are an undub table evidence, that you are the Generall of the Lord of Hosts,
and the Cause you fight for His. Therefore * no Weapon that is formed
against your Excellency in this quarrell shall prosper; and every malicious
tongue that shall rise against you in judgment (for fighting in this just cause)
you shall condemne. * This worke is not of men, but of God; therefore the
very gates of Hell, the Antichristian adverse power of the Romish malignant
party, shall never prevaile against it, can never overthrow it.

* Isa. 54. 17.

* Acts 5. 38, 39
Mat. 16. 18.

Your Lordship and our Reformed Church (now really Militant) resting
upon this Rocke of assurance, may, in expectation of future successes,
confidently take up these triumphant speeches of the Heroicke Psal-
mist: Thou art * our King, O God, command deliverances for Jacob:
through thee we will push downe our enemies, through thy name shall we tread
them under that rise up against us. The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of
Iacob is our refuge. * But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord
(now in Armes against our Church, Parliament, Religion, Laws, Liber-

* Psal 44. 4, 5.
Psal. 46. 11.

* Psal. 37. 1.

The Epistle Dedicatorie.

*Psal. 83.3.
to 18.

*Exod. 15.6,
7,9,10,11.

*Exod. 15.3.

*Isa. 2.2,3,4.

*Rom. 16.16.
1 Pet. 5.14.

ties, Properties, Lives, Estates) shall be as the fat of lambs, they shall consume, into smoak shall they consume away. Yea * though they have taken crafty counsell together against Gods people, and conspired against his hidden ones: and have said, Come and let us cut them off from being a Nation, that the name of Israel (of Puritans, of Protestants) may be no more in remembrance: through the tabernacles of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagarens, Gebal, Ammon, Amaleck, the Philistines, Tyre and Assur, be now all confederated and joyned together to destroy them; yet God shall doe unto them as to Sisera and Jabin at the brook of Kison, which perished at Endor, and became as dung for the earth: he shall make them like a wheele, as the stubble before the winde: he shall persecute them with his tempest, and make them afraid with his storme. They shall be troubled and confounded for ever; yea, they shall be put to shame and perish, that men may know, that he whose Name alone is JEHOVAH, is the most High over all the earth. And in regard of the former Victories achieved by your Excellencies incomparable valour and prowesse, we may all sing this gratulatory Song of Moses and the Israelites, after the overthrow of Pharaoh and his host at the red Sea. * Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power; thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatnesse of thy excellency thou hast overthrowne them that rose up against thee; thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoile, my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. Thou didst blow with thy winde, the sea covered them, they sank as lead in the mighty waters. Who is like unto thee, O Lord, amongst the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holinesse, fearfull in praises, doing wonders! To this great Lord of hosts, and * man of warre (of whose omnipotent protection our present Parliament and your Excellency have had many adorable experiments) I shall in my daily Prayers recommend your Honours Person, Forces, and Military proceedings, till through his blessing on them, * the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountaines, and exalted above the hills; the Kingdome and Power of Romish Babylon (notwithstanding all the confederated domesticke, forraigne, popish Forces now united to support it) utterly subverted thorowout our Dominions; and thereupon our swords be beaten into plowshares, our speares into pruning hooks: And one part of our Nation, Kingdome, shall not have any cause to lift up a sword against the other, nor to learne nor exercise a civill destructive warre any more, but * mutually imbrace each other with an holy kisse of Charity and Peace. Which that your Excellency, by your succesfull Armes, may speedily accomplish to your eternall Honour, shall be the prayer,

Of Your Excellencies devoted servant,
W. P R Y N N E.



TO ALL
Who love their God, Religion,
Countrey, in Sincerit.

Dearest Brethren :



*Y*ou might justly repute me (especially since the late solemn Covenant) a perfidious Traytor to God, Religion, and my now bleeding, dying native Countrey, should I wittingly conceale the underhand attempts of any mortall whatsoever, against them. I have therefore by authority of Parliament published these ensuing Letters, Warrants, Papers, extant under His Majesties owne, His Councils, Secretaries Hands and Signets, with sundry Orders made in open Court by Royall direction, for protection of Popish Recusants, Priests, Jesuits, against the many good Lawes enacted to suppress them; by meanes whereof, and of his Marriage-articles, that dangerous traiterous Faction hath growne so powerfully great by degrees, and insinuated so far into the King's affections, that they now threaten a sudden extirpation of the Protestant party and Religion, out of His Majesties Dominions; a speedy subversion of our Lawes. Liberties, the present Parliament, by open force of Armes; having already fully possessed themselves of His Majesties Royall Person, Issue, Forces, Forts, Affections, bearing chiefest sway in all his late Councils, Proceedings, as we may now clearly discern, to our greatest griefe, by many wofull experiments and visible Demonstrations, written in red Capitall Characters of our owne English-Protestant blood; especially by the late sending for and landing of Irish Rebels to destroy us.

It seems a strange mystery of iniquity to me; First, that from the beginning of His Majesties reigne till this present Parliament, the most zealous, conscientious, pious Protestants have been continually persecuted under the Title of Puritans (the better to colour the designe) with extraordinary rigour by the Prelaticall and Popish Faction, against the expresse Lawes of the Realme, both in the High Commission, Prelates Consistories, Councell-Chamber, and Star-Chamber, to the losse of their Estates, Benefices, Liberties, Eares, Limbs, * Lives. Tea, thousands of them have beene expelled them dying in the Realme, or forced to flie into forraigne desolate American plantations for security :

* Many of them dying in

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* See a new discovery of the Prelates tyranny.
 * Before the 39. Articles, and upon the dissolutions of the two last abortive Parliaments.
 * See Prince Ruperts his late Warrant.

And yet not one Royall Letter (for ought appears to me) could ever be produced all that time to any Courts of Justice in the lawfull favour of any of them; but many Royall Orders, * Expresses, from His Majesty, have been procured, rigourously to proceed against them; Notwithstanding His Majesties many printed * Declarations to His Subjects, really to maintaine and defend the Protestant religion, and professours of it, to the utmost of His power: Secondly, that since our late unhappy, civill, bloody wars, till this present, the best and most zealous Protestants (Ministers, people,) both in Ireland and England, have been every where most cruelly massacred, plundered, tortured, imprisoned, ruined, aimed at, by blood-thirsty Popish Cavaliers; many of their houses, and almost some whole Townes of them (as Banbury, Malborough, Bromingham, Ockingham, and others) fired, sacked, by His Majesties speciall Commission, (as the Incendiaries reported;) or at least by His Royall * Permission, notwithstanding His many late solemn Declarations, Protestations, Remonstrances, Oathes to maintaine the Protestant Religion, the Subjects Liberties, Properties, Lawes, and that he tooke up Armes to no other end but this. Thirdly, that on the other side, sundry Popish Recusants and Seminary Priests have, during all His Highnesse raigne, obtained innumerable Letters of Grace, Protection, from His Majesty, contrary to the Law, and Orders of Session in their favour, to stay all manner of proceedings or executions of the Lawes in force against them, contrary to the Judges and Justices Oathes, till this Parliament, in all Counties of the Realme; and that since this unhappy civill VVarre, the Papists, both in England and Ireland, have beene armed against the Parliament by His Majesties speciall Commission, yea put into places of great command, trust, admitted free access to his Campe, Court, where they are now most in favour, and preserved from all violence, injury, plunder of His Forces; notwithstanding His many Royall printed Declarations, Proclamations, Protestations, Vowes against Popery and Papists, to blinde or delude the over-credulous Vulgar: who now begin to bee so well acquainted with these hypocriticall Court-stratagems (execrable both to God and men) that they will no longer be circumvented by them. And is this that brave, reall, royall Defence of the Protestant Religion so oft protested, proclaimed to the world in print of late, with deepest Oathes and Imprecations of Divine vengeance, if not cordially intended?

- (a) Jer. 2. 12. (a) Be astonished O ye Heavens, and horribly afraid at this most grosse hypocrisie, most apparent dissimulation, most palpable contradiction of regall Protestations and Actions; which the great (b) King of Kings, and (c) righteous Judge of all the earth will not suffer long to goe unrevenge, if not speedily repented, reformed.

Farre is it from my heart to wish or imprecate the least evill to his Majesty, his Royall Consort, or Posterity, for whose reall happinesse and prosperity I shall ever be a daily

- (d) 1 Tim. 1. 2. (d) Orator to the Throne of Grace; yet this I cannot but in loyalty feare, if not informe them, that if they persevere to dissimble thus with God and men, to oppose Papists in words, yet cherish, protect them all they may in deeds, openly siding with Irish, English, Popish Rebels against the Parliament and their Protestant subjects; and professedly arming them, with other Out landish Papists, to waste, spoile, ruine, destroy their Protestant Kingdomes, Subjects, with Fire, Sword, as hitherto they have cruelly done,

* Psal. 8. 4.
 * Psal. 2. 1, 2,
 3. 4. 9.

* taking counsell against the Lord, and his Anointed Sonne, Servants, * to cut them off from being a Nation, that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance; though Earth be silent, or Men patient at this Scarlet impiety, yet Heaven, God will not be so: but he that sitteth in the Heavens will speake unto them in his

wrath,

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wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure: he will breake them with a rod o' yron, and dash them in pieces like a Potters vessell. (f) He who poureth out contempt (f) Psal. 75.12 upon Princes, who is terrible to the Kings of the Earth; who cuts off the spirit of Princes, yea strikes through Kings in the day of his wrath (as he smote, (g) King Pharaoh, Sehon King of the Amorites, Og King of Bashan, all the Kings of Canaan Eg- Psal. 107.4. Job 12.21. (g) Psal. 137. 9. to 13. Psal. 136.10. to 23. Judges 3. Dan. 3.5. Acts 12.33. (b) Job 34. 19. Rom. 2.6. (i) Luk. 8 7,8. Revel. c.19.2.

lon, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Herod, with infinite other Monarchs.) He (h) who accepteth not the person of Princes, nor regardeth the rich more then the poore, for they are all the worke of his hands; but without respect of persons rendereth to every man according to his workes; will (i) most certainly avenge this detestable hypocrisie, with all the blood of his Saints which hath been spilt, and the injuries done to his Elect, who cry unto him day and night; Yea, he will avenge them speedily. For if he, by his Prophet Esay, thus threatened to cut off the King of Babylon and his posterity, onely for destroying his owne Land, and slaying his Idolatrous pagan Subjects that knew not God, Isa. 14.19. to 23. But thou art cast out of thy grave as an abominable branch, as a carcase troden under feet: thou shalt not be joynd with them in buriall, **BECAUSE THOU HAST DESTROYED THY LAND, AND SLAINE THY PEOPLE.** Prepare ye slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers, that they do not rise nor possesse the Land; for I will rise up against them, saith the Lord of Hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name and remembrance, the sonnes and nephews, saith the Lord. Then what severe judgement may such Christian Kings expect from the God of Heaven, who contrary to their owne frequently reiterated solempne publique Vowes, Protestations, Imprecations, most inhumanely destroy their owne flourishing Christian Realmes, with fire and sword; plunder, pillage, captivate, slay, murder their most pious Protestant Subjects every where, without pity or remorse? If (k) Ahab, Jezabel, with all their royall Posterity, were utterly cut off, extirpated in a moment, for countenancing Idolaters, and putting Naboth unjustly to death, onely for a pretended blasphemy against God and the King, of purpose to gaine his single Vine-yard; then what will become of those Kings, Jezabels, and their posterities, who not onely cherish and protect many Romish Idolaters, Priests, Jesuits; but likewise use their armed power to murder, plunder, ruine many thousands of innocent Protestant Naboths, yea, seize upon their whole estates as forfeited, under a pretence of Treason or Rebellion, and (l) thinke they doe God good service in it? Certainly, if they impenitently persevere in this their tyrannicall violence, they cannot but expect the self same judgement which these underwent, from that Sovereigne God, (m) who removeth Kings, and setteth up Kings, and ruleth over the Kingdomes of men, giving them to whomsoever he will: at least they may justly feare the undergoing of that exemplary sentence given against proud, tyrannicall Nebuchadnezzar, Dan. 4.32. to 37. c.5. 20, 21, 22. who when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened to deale proudly, he was deposed from his Kingly Throne, and they tooke his glory from him: and he was driven from the sonnes of men, and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wilde Asses; they fed him with Grasse like Oxen, and his body was wet with the Dew of Heaven, till he knew that the most high God ruled in the Kingdome of men; and appointeth over it whomsoever he will: Not like Butchers to slay, but as (n) Shepherds to feed and protect his people; not to be a (o) terrour to good workes, but evill, to render punishment to evill doers, especially to popish Idolaters; and praise or honour to those that doe

(k) 1 King. 21.
2 King. 9.

(l) John 16.3.

(m) Dan. 2. 21.
c. 4. 17. 27.
c. 5. 20. 28.

(n) Psal. 78. 70,
71, 72.

(o) Rom. 13. 2.
to 5.
1 Pet. 2. 13, 14.

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(p) Isa 49.23. doe well; and to be tender (p) nursing fathers to the Church of God: which God grant all those whom it now concernes, may seasonably and effectually consider. (q) Eccles. 2.14. In the meane time it behoves all those who have any sparkes of love to God or Religion in their brests, to have their (q) eyes in their heads, not heeles; to be as (r) wise as Serpents, though as innocent as Doves. To take heed, that they walke (s) circumspectly, not as fooles, but as wise; (weighing all mens actions, not their protestations) redeeming the time because the daies are very evil, deceitfull beyond all former ages; yea far more dangerous then most men apprehend them. Let the consideration therefore of the ensuing Papers, together with Romes Master-piece, the English Pope, the Parliaments late Declaration of the rise and progresse of the Irish rebellion, the Articles of the Irish pacification, (to the ruine of the Protestant party there,) with the Parliaments Reasonances concerning it, the many ships lately sent from Bristol, besides those from other parts, with Commissions to transport Irish popish rebels into England to cut all our throats; with other daily * fresh experiments of the Papists great power, proceedings, treacheries, to re-erect their owne, and root out our Religion throughout His Majesties Dominions, now at last awake, and rouse us all out of our overlong desperate sencelesse security; yea, fully open our eyes to behold the extreame imminent dangers, our Church, Religion, Lawes, Liberties, Estates, Lives, Parliament, Kingdome, Nation, are now actually threatned with from the prevailing blood-thirsty Popish party, in highest authority and favour with His Majesty, now wholly captivated, possessed, swayed by them, at their wils; and then speedily engage us all, ere it be over-late, with one unanimous consent (according to our late solemn Protestations, Covenants,) to put forth our utmost strength of body, mind, estate, prayers, to prevent that inundation of Popery, that extermination of our Protestant Religion, Lawes, Liberties, Parliaments, that utter destruction now menaced to our three united Christian Kingdomes, against which the great Roman Pontif, with all his Antichristian bloody generation of Ferraigne and Domesticke Popelings, have a long time conspired, and now united all their policies, purses, forces, to accomplish their finall devastation: as the ensuing papers will in part descry; which I shall recommend to your most serious perusal, and Gods blessing; the reality of them being so unquestionable, and these Transcripts so consonant to the Originals, by which they have beene diligently examined, that I should but waste time and Paper to trouble you with any other arguments or attestations of their verity, (so well knowne to the Papists, and all Officers of justice,) then such as you shall finde annexed to them in the following pages, by the Collector of them.

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Your most affectionate friend, and reall Servant of our

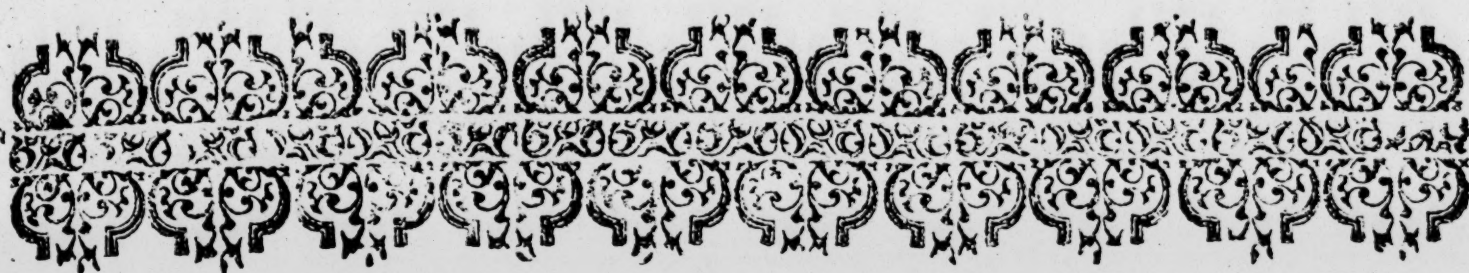
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The Popish Royall Favourite.

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Sundry Letters of Grace, Protection, and Warrants of discharge, granted by His Majesty to notoricus Popish Recusants, Priests and Iesuits, to exempt them from all Prosecutions and penall Lawes against them; signed with the Kings owne hand, &c. The Originals whereof are in the custody of Mr. *John Glynne* Esquire, Recorder of *London*, Mr. *Graves* Clerke of the Peace for *Middlesex*, and others.

CHARLES REX,



Hereas we have received good testimony of the loyalty, and duty of our trusty and welbeloved *William Keeley*, in the county of *Worcester*: and because he may be subiect to the penalties of the lawes for Recusancy, these are to signifie that we are graciously pleased to extend our speciall grace towards him, and doe hereby will and command, that no indictment, presentment, information, or suit in our name, or in the name of any other, be henceforth commenced, prosecuted, or attempted against him by any Officers or Subiects whatsoever, for, or concerning Recusancy. And if any such shall happen to be, then our will and pleasure is, that upon sight thereof the same shall be discharged and made voyd, or otherwise not prejudiciall to him. Given under our Signet at our Court at *Whitehall*, the six and twentieth day of *March*, in the tenth yeare of our Raigne.

To all and singular our Iudges of Assize, Iustices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffs, Clerkes of Assize and peace, Bayliffs, Constables, Informers, and to all other our Officers, and Ministers, whom it may or doth concerne, and to every of them.

CHARLES REX.

Hereas we are well satisfied of the loyalty, duty and affection of our trusty and wellbeloved *William Cobbe* of *Saundringham* in the County of *Norfolk* Gentleman; and because he may be subiect to the penalties of the lawes mand
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against recusants, by way of Indictment or otherwise: these are to signifie, that we are graciously pleased to extend our speciall grace towards him, and doe hereby will and command, that no Indictment, presentment, Information, or Suite in Our name, or in the name of any other, be henceforth prosecuted, or accepted against him the said *William Cobbe* by any of our Officers or Subjects whatsoever, for or concerning recusancy, till We shall signifie Our pleasure to the contrary; and if any such shall happen to be, then Our will and pleasure is, that upon sight hereof the same shall be discharged and made voyd, or otherwise not prejudiciall to him. Given under our Signet at Our Pallace at *Westminster*, the fourteenth of *March*, in the tenth yeare of our raigne.

To all and Singular our Iudges of *Affize* and Barons of our *Exchequer*, Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Baliffes, Clarkes of *Affize* and of the peace, Constables, Headboroughs, Messengers, Pursivants, Informers, and to all every our Officers whom it may or doth concerne, and to every of them.

CHARLES REX,

VV Hereas our trusty and wellbeloved Sir *Francis Eaglesfield* Knight and Baronet being a recusant, is thereby subject to our lawes and statutes in that case provided. These are to signifie our royall will and pleasure, that no person or persons shall at any time hereafter, sue, prosecute, implead, either by way of Indictment, Information, or otherwise, against the said Sir *Francis Eaglesfield*, for being a recusant, or cause or procure him to be Indicted or convicted by vertue of any of our Lawes, or Statutes against Popish recusants, till we shall signifie Our pleasure to the contrary. Given under our signet at our Palace of *Westminster* the sixth day of *December*, in the tenth yeare of our raigne.

To all our Iudges of *Affize*, Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, Headboroughs, Pursivants, and to all other our Officers and Mintsters, whom it may or doth concerne, and to every of them.

CHARLES REX.

VV Hereas we are well satisfied of the loyalty, duty, and affection of our trusty and wellbeloved Sir *Iohn Shelly* Knight and Baronet, and the Lady *Jane* his wife, and because they may be subject to the penalty of the lawes made against recusants, by way of Indictment or otherwise: These are to signifie, that we are graciously pleased to extend Our speciall grace towards them, and doe hereby will and command that no Indictment, Presentment, Information, or suit in our name, or in the name of any other be henceforth commenced, prosecuted or accepted against them or either of them, by any of our Officers or Subiects whatsoever, for or concerning recusancy, till we shall signifie Our pleasure to the contrary. And if any such shall happen to be, then our will and pleasure is, that upon sight her

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the same shall be discharged and made voyd, or otherwise not preiudiciall to them or either of them, Given under our Signet at our Court at *Greenwich* the ninth day of Iune, in the eleventh yeare of our Raigne.

To all and singular the Barons of the Exchequer, Iudges of Assize, Iustices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Clerkes of Assize, and Petty Constables, Headboroughs, Messengers, Pursuivants, Informers, and to all other our Officers and Ministers whom it may or doth concerne, and to every of them.

CHARLES REX.

VHereas we have received very good testimony of the loyalty, duty, and affection of our trusty & wellbeloved Sir *John Winton* of *Lydney* in our County of *Gloucester* Knight, and the Lady *Mary* his Wife, and because they may be subject to the penalty of the Lawes made against Recusancie; These are to signifie, that we are pleased to extend Our speciall grace towards them, and doe hereby command, that no Indictment, Presentment, Information, or Suit, either in Our name or in the name of any other, be hereafter commenced, prosecuted, or accepted against them, or either of them, by any of our Officers or Ministers whatsoever for matter of Recusancy, till we shall signifie our pleasure to the contrary. And if any such be already, or shall happen to be at any time hereafter, then our will and pleasure is, the same shall be forthwith made void, or otherwise not preiudiciall to them, or either of them. Given under our Signet at our Court at *Ortlands* the seventh day of August in the thirteenth yeare of our Raigne.

To the most Reverend Father in God, our right trusty and right entirely beloved Conncellour, the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury; to the Treasurer, Under treasurer, and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, to our Commissioners for Recusancy for the time being, and to all the Iudges of Assize, Iustices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Clerkes of Assize, Petty Constables, Headboroughs, Messengers, Pursuivants and Informers, and to all other our Officers and Ministers as well Ecclesiasticall as Temporall, whom it doth or may concerne, and to every of them.

CHARLES REX.

VHerers we are well satisfied of the loyalty, duty, and affection of our trusty and wellbeloved Sir *Francis Mannecke*, of *Stocke* in our County of *Sussex* Baronet, and Dame *Mary* his Wife; and because they are or may be subject to the penalty of our lawes made against Recusancy by way of Indictment or otherwise. These are to signifie, that we are pleased to extend our speciall grace and favour towards them, and doe therefore hereby command that no Indictment, Presentment, Information, or Suite either in our name, or in the name of any other, be from henceforth framed preferred, commenced, prosecuted, or accepted

cepted against them or either of them, by any our Officers or Ministers whatsoever, Ecclesiasticall or Temporall, for or concerning Recusancy, till we shall signifie our pleasure to the contrary. And if any such be, or shall happen to be hereafter, then our pleasure is, that presently upon sight hereof, the same be cancelled and made voyd, or otherwise not prejudiciall to them or either of them, and these our Letters shall be to all our said Officers and Ministers whatsoever, sufficient warrant and discharge in this behalfe. Given under our Signet at our Palace of *Westminster* the one and twentieth day of April in the fourteenth yeare of our Raigne.

To all, &c.

C H A R L E S R E X.

WHereas we are well satisfied of the loyalty, duty, affection, and good service of our trusty and welbeloved *Thomas Iennings* of *London*, Merchant; and because he is or may be subiect to the Penalty of our Lawes made against Recusancy, by way of Indictment or other wise, by reason of his Wives Recusancy, although he himself be every way conformable: These are to signifie, that we are pleased to extend our speciall grace towards him and her, and doe therefore hereby command that no Indictment, Presentment, Information, or Suit, either in our name, or in the name of any other, be from henceforth framed, preferred, prosecuted or accepted against them or either of them, by any of our Officers or Ministers whatsoever for or concerning her Recusancy, till we shall signifie our pleasure to the contrary. And if any such be, or shall happen to be hereafter, then our will and pleasure is, that forthwith upon sight hereof the same shall be cancelled and made voyd, or otherwise not prejudiciall to them or either of them, and this our letter shall be unto all and every our officers and Ministers, whom it doth or may concerne sufficient warrant and discharge in this behalf. Given under our Signet at our Palace of *Westminster*, the seven and twentieth day of *March*, in the fifteenth Yeare of our Reigne.

To the most reverend Father in God, our right trusty and right intirely beloved Councellour, the Lord Arch-bishop of Canterbury, Primate and Metropolitane of all England, and to the Lord Arch-bishop of Canterbury for the time being, to the Treasurer and Under-treasurers, and Barons of our Exchequer for the time being, to our Commissioners for Recusants for the time being, to all and singular our Judges Justices of Assize, and Goal-delivery, Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Sheriffs, Clerkes of Assize and peace, Bailiffs, Constables, Messengers, Pursuivants and Informers, and to all other our Officers and Ministers, as well Ecclesiasticall as Temporall now and for the time being whom it doth or may concerne, and to every of them,

C H A R L E S R E X.

WHereas Sir *Charles Smith* of *Walton Wavers* in the County of *Wilt* Knight, is or may be subiect to the danger of our Lawes for his

fancy by way of Indictment or otherwise; These are to signifie, that we are graciously pleased to extend our speciall grace and favour towards him, and doe hereby will and command that no Indictment, Presentment, Information, or Suit in our name, or in the name of any other, be henceforth preferred or accepted against him by reason of his said Recusancy, by any of our Officers or Subjects whomsoever, and if any such shall happen to be, then our will and pleasure is, upon sight hereof, that the same shall be discharged and made voyd. Given under our Signet at our Court at *Greenwich* the nine and twentieth day of June, in the tenth yeare of our Reigne.

To all and singular our Iudges of *Affizes*, *Iustices of peace*. *Maiors*, *Sheriffs*, *Bailiffs*, *Clerkes of Assize and Peace*, *Constables*, and to all other our Officers, and Ministers whom it doth or may concerne, and to every of them.

CHARLES REX.

TRusty and well beloved, we greet you well, we have been often and earnestly moved by our deare Mother the *Queene Mother of France*, to extend our favour to Sir *Henry Bedingsfield* Knight, his Wife and Family, who are Popish Recusants, and we are very willing that for her sake they should receive our favour, when they shall stand in need thereof for that cause; yet we must so performe it, that it may not be of * ill example to others, who are or shall be in the like kinde obnoxious to our Lawes for Recusancy, nor be scandalous to our Government, whereof we are and must be tender; therefore our will and command to you is, that you take knowledge of our pleasure herein, and take speciall care to preserve the said Sir *Henry Bedingsfield* and his Wife from the danger of the lawes made against Popish Recusants, that Sir *Henry* himself shall not be impeached any way for any of his Family for being Popish Recusants; for the doing whereof from time to time, by such wayes you shall thinke fittest, this shall be your warrant. Dated this twentieth of November 1634.

* Why then were so many Letters of this nature granted to others.

To our trusty and well beloved, John Bankes Knight Attorney Generall and his successors.

CHARLES REX.

WHereas we are well satisfied of the loyalty, duty, and affection of our trusty and well beloved *Clement Paston* of *Torpe*, in our County of *Norfolke* Esquire, and because he may be subject to the penalty of our Lawes made against Recusants by way of Indictment or otherwise; These are to signifie that we are graciously pleased to extend our speciall grace towards him, and doe hereby will and command that no Indictment, Presentment, Information or suit in our name, or in the name of any other, be from henceforth Commenced, prosecuted, or accepted against him by any of our Officers or Subjects whatsoever, for or concerning Recusancy, till we shall signifie our pleasure to the contrary; and if any

such shall happen to be, then our will and pleasure is, that upon sight hereof the same shall be discharged and made voyd, or otherwise not preiudiciall to him. Given under our Signet at our Palace of *Westminster*, the foure and twentieth day of *March*, in the tenth yeare of our Raigne.

To all Iudges of Assize, Barons of Exchequer, Iustices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, Headboroughs, Messengers, Pursuivants, Informers; and to all other our Officers and Ministers whom it doth or may concerne, and to every of them.

CHARLES REX.

WHereas our wellbeloved Subiect *William Peters* of *Landford-rivers* in the County of *Essex*, hath particular imployments in Our service, which he cannot so well discharge and execute if he be troubled for his Religion; these are therefore to signifie our gracious pleasure, that we are so well informed and satisfied of his loyalty towards us, that from henceforward he be not any wayes questioned for the same, unlesse our pleasure be especially delivered to the contrary. And this to be sufficient warrant to any whom that may concerne. Given under our Signet at our Court at *Whitehall*, the six and tewntieth day of *March* in the fourteenth yeare of our Raigne.

To the Treasurer, Under-treasurer, Chancellours, Barons, and other the Officers of our Court of Exchequer for the time being. To all our Iudges of either Bench, Iudges of Assize, and Peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Clerkes of Assize and Peace, Constables, Headboroughs, and to all other our Officers and Ministers whom it may or doth concerne, and to every of them.

CHARLES REX.

WHereas the Lady *Elizabeth Stoner* of *Blounts-court* widdow, stands indicted for Recusancy in the County of *Oxon*, she being a weake and sickly woman, as we are informed. Our Royall pleasure is, that you henceforth forbear to proceed, and suffer not any farther proceeding against her, nor upon her lands and goods, upon the said indictment to Conviction, or upon any other the foresaid Indictment in the the said County of *Oxon* or *Wilts*, untill you know our further pleasure to be signified by us expressly touching the same. And this shall be your warrant in that behalfe.

To all our Iudges of Assize and Iustices of peace for the County of Oxon and Wilts, To our Clerkes of Assize and peace for the said Counties, and to all other our Officers and Ministers else where, whom it doth or may concerne.

CHARLES

CHARLES REX.

Whereas we have received very good testimony of the loyalty, duty, and affection of Sir William Pearfall Knight. And because he may be subject to the penalty of the lawes made against recusants, by way of indictment or otherwise: These are to signifie that we are graciously pleased to extend our speciall grace towards him; And doe hereby will and command that no Indictments, Presentments, Informations, or suit in our Name, or in the name of any other, be henceforth commenced, prosecuted or accepted against him by any other officers or subjects whatsoever, for or concerning his recusancy, till we shall signifie our pleasure especially to the contrary. And if any such be already, or shall happen to be hereafter, then our will and pleasure is, that upon sight hereof the same shall be discharged and voyd, or otherwise not prejudiciall to him. Given under our Signet at our Court of Oatlands the five and twentieth day of November, in the tenth yeare of Our raigne.

To our Treasurer and Chancellour of the Exchequer for the time being, and to all and singular our Commissioners for Recusants; to all Iudges of Assize, Iustices of the peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffs, Clerkes of the Assize and of the peace, Constables, Messengers, Pursivants, Informers; and to all other Officers and Ministers whom it doth or may concerne, and to every of them.

CHARLES REX.

Whereas John Carrill of Harting in the County of Suffex Esquier, sone and heire of Sir John Carrill of Harting aforesaid Knight, is or may be subject to the danger of our lawes for his recusancy, by way of indictment, information or otherwise: and whereas we understand that the said John Carrill hath compounded with us for his whole Estate by the Commission of grace which we have been pleased to grant for that purpose and the like, and hath duly hitherto paid the rent reserved to us thereupon, his whole Estate having been granted and released by us to him under our great Seale of England. And whereas we are informed that the said John Carrill Esquire hath no Lands at all to live upon but only some in the mannor of Wranbam in the County of Suffex, which his Father allowed him for his maintenance, and which is part and parcell of the Lands aforesaid so compounded for with us by our Commissioners, and for which the Father hitherto hath duly paid the rent reserved. And whereas the said John Carrill the Sonne humbly offers, that if God call his Father before him, he will pay us the same rent to which his father is subject now for the same favours and immunities which the said father now enioyes, so as we are not to be damnified at all in our Revenue by this our act of grace to the Sonne. These are therefore to signifie, that we are graciously pleased to extend our speciall favour towards the said John Carrill the Sonne, and doe hereby will and command that no indictment, presentment, information, or any Suite of any kind, in our name, or in the name of any other, be henceforth preferred or accepted against him by reason of his said Recusancy by any

any of our Officers or subjects whatsoever. And if any shall happen to be commenced or brought, then our expresse will and pleasure is, that upon sight hereof the same shall be discharged and made voyd, and this our Warrant shall continue in force untill we shall signifie our pleasure to the contrary. Given under our Signet at our Court at *Whitehall*, the last day of *February*, in the twelfth yeare of Our Raigne.

To all and singular our Iudges of Assize, our Attorney Generall and Solliciter, Iustices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Clerkes of Assize and of the peace, Constables, and all other our Officers and Ministers whom it doth, or may concerne and to every of them.

CHARLES REX.

WHereas we have received a good Testimony of the loyalty, duty, and good affection of our trusty and wellbeloved servant *Edward Cotton* of *Shelwood* in the Countie of *Surry* Esquire and of *Mary* his wife; and because they may be subject to the penakies of the lawes made against Recusants, by way of Indictment, or otherwise: These are to signifie, that we are graciously pleased to extend our speciall grace towards them; and doe hereby will and command, that no Indictment, Presentment, Information, or suit in our name, or in the name of any other, be henceforth commenced, prosecuted, or accepted against them, or either of them, by any of our Officers or servants whatsoever, for or concerning Recusancy, till we shall signifie our pleasure to the contrary. Or if any be, or shall happen to be, then our will and pleasure is, that upon sight hereof the same shall be discharged and made voyd, or otherwise not prejudiciall to them, or either of them. Given under our signet, at our Palace of *Westminster*, the fiftenth day of *June*, in the thirteenth yeare of our Raigne.

To the most reverend father in God the Lord archbishop of Canterbury; to our Lord-treasurer and Chancellor, and Barons of the exchequer for the time being; to all and singular our Commissioners for Recusants for the time being; to all our Iudges of assize, Iustices of peace, maiors, Sheriffs, Clerkes of Assize and peace, Bayliffes Constables, Headboroughs, Messengers, Pursuivants, and Informers, and to all other Officers and Ministers whatsoever, to whom it doth or may appertaine, and to every of them, as well Ecclesiasticall as Temporall.

CHARLES REX.

WHereas we have received very good testimony of the loyalty, duty, and affection of our right trusty and wellbeloved *Thomas Lord Arundell* of *Wardor*, and the Lady *Anne* his wife, and because they may be subiect to the penalty of our Lawes made against Recusants, by way of Indictment or otherwise: these are to signifie that we are graciously pleased to extend our speciall grace towards them, and doe hereby will and command, that no Indictment, presentment,

ment, information, or suite in our name or in the name of any other, be henceforth commenced, prosecuted, or accepted against them or either of them, by any of our Officers or Subjects whatsoever, for, or concerning Recusancy, till we shall signifie our pleasure to the Contrary; And if any such be already, or shall happen to be hereafter, then Our will and pleasure is, that upon sight hereof the same shall be discharged and made void, or otherwise not prejudiciall to them, or either of them. Given under our signet at our palace at *Westminster*; the one and twentieth day of Iune, in the thirteenth Yeare of Our Raigne.

To our Lord Treasurer and Chancellour of our Exchequer for the time being: to all and singular our Commissioners for Recusants for the time being: to all our Iudges of Assize, Iustices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffs, Clerkes of Assize and Peace, Bailiffes, Constables, Headboroughs, Messengers, Pursuivants, and Informers, and to all other our Officers and Ministers whatsoever, to whom it doth, or may appertaine, and to every of them.

CHARLES REX.

WHereas we are well satisfied of the loialty, duty and affection of our trusty and welbeloved *William Thorold* of *Arberfield* in the County of *Berks* Esquire, and *Francis* his wife, and because they are or may be subject to the penalty of our Lawes for their Recusancy, by way of Indictment, or otherwise: These are therefore to signifie, that We are pleased to extend our speciall grace towards them; and doe hereby will and command, that no Indictment, Presentment Information, Citation or other Suit whatsoever in our name, or in the name of any other, be from henceforth framed, preferred, prosecuted, or accepted, against them, or either of them, by any our officers or subjects whatsoever, for or concerning their Recusancy, till we shall signifie our pleasure to the contrary. And if any such already be, or shall happen to be hereafter, then our will and pleasure is, that upon sight hereof the same shall be discharged and made voide, or otherwise not prejudiciall to them. Given under our Signe-Manuall this fourth day of September 1639.

To the most Reverend Father in God, our right trusty and right intirely beloved Councillour, William Lord Archbishop of Canterbury; Primate and Metropolitan of all England, and to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, for the time being, the Treasurer and Under-treasurer, Chamberlains, and Barons of our Exchequer for the time being, to all and singular our Commissioners for Recusants, for the time being; to all our Iudges of Assize, Iustices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffs, Clerkes of Assize and peace, Bailiffs and to all other our Officers and Ministers Ecclesiasticall and temporall for the time being, and to all others whom it shall or may concerne.

The like letters of grace under the Kings owne signe manuall, I find granted to the Lady *Elizabetth Dormer*, dated the 19 of Iune 1629 to Captaine *Iohn Read*,

13 of Iuly Anno 10 Car. to Anthony Metcalf Her Majesties servant produced at the open Sessions of Goale-delivery made for *Middlesex* the 28 of *March* 15th Car. to Anne Lady Sands Dowager, Elisabeth Stukely her onely daughter, and Elisabeth Hitchcock her servant, produced at the Sessions of Goale delivery for the same County the 8 of Iuly Anno 15th Car. to John Chamberlain of Lindhurst. Produced at the same place the 9 of May 14th Car. to Sir Henry Audley Knight, and Dame Anne his wife, dated 15 Januarii Anno 13 Car. to the Lady Katharine Windsor, wife of Thomas Lord Windsor, dated 7 Febr. Anno 15 Car. all these Letters of Grace under the Kings signe-manuall, and privy Signet, for protection of these Arch-popish Recusants against all Lawes and prosecutions, are registred, and the true copies of them entered by the Recusants themselves or their agents in the Clerk of the Peace his bookes for *London* and *Middlesex*, or in the Crowne-Office, besides sundry others left with the Clerks of the Peace in other Counties of *England*.

What effects these Letters of Grace and protection produced in Courts of Justice contrary to Law and to the Kings and Iustices own Oathes, will appeare by these few ensuing Orders, made at the open Sessions of Goale delivery for the County of *Middlesex*.

27 April.
10 car. p. 157
Of the Sessions Book.

UPon speciall directions given by his Majesty, and signified by a Letter from Master Secretary *Vindebank*, to the Right Honourable Sir *Thomas Richardson* Knight Lord chief Justice of his Majesties Court of Kings Bench, bearing date the sixteenth day of *April* 1634 and shewed now to this Court. It is ordered by this Court that the Recognisance taken in Court at the Sessions of Goale-delivery holden for the County of *Middlesex* at Justice Hall in the Old-baily the fourth day of *October* last past, wherein *Alexander Baker* of the Parish of *Saint Andrewes* in *Holborn* in the County of *Middlesex* Gentleman, was bound to his Majesty with two sureties for his appearance at the Sessions of Goale delivery then next following, At which Sessions he made default, shall not be estreated but all further proceedings thereupon shall be forthwith stayed.

Per Cur.

Maii.
4 Car. p. 274.

UPon the reading of His Majesties Letters Parents under the Great Seale of *England*, bearing date the third day of *January*, in the 3 yeare of his Majesties reigne of *England*, &c. and inrolled in his Majesties Court of Exchequer. It appeared unto this Court, that His Majesty was graciously pleased to signifie His Royall pleasure that *John Chamberlain* of *Lindhurst* in the County of *Southampton* Esqu. should not at any time hereafter during the terme of LX years be indicted of or for Recusancy, or for not repairing to Church, Chappell or usuall place of Common prayer, contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this Kingdome in that behalf had and provided. And that if any indictment be, that then upon such indictment or indictments, no proceffe or other proceedings by Proclamation or Proclamations, Utlary or Utlaries, or otherwise, shall be had against the said *John Chamberlain*, and thereupon it is ordered by this Court that His Majesties royall pleasure, signified as aforesaid would be obeyed, and that all proceedings against the said *John Chamberlain* should be stayed accordingly.

* Nota.

Per Cur.

whereas

W Hereas this court hath this Sessions received command from his Majesty under his Signe Manuall, on the behalf of *Anthony Metcalfe* servant to the *Quenes Maiefty*, for the staying of any indictment or any further proceeding upon any indictment against the said *Anthony* for matters of Recusancy. It is therefore by this Court ordered, that all proceedings in this Court against the said *Anthony* for the said cause, shall cease untill His Maiesties pleasure be signified to the contrary.

28 March.
15. Car. p. 304.

Per Cur.

A Ccording to a letter under the hand of Master Secretary *Windebank* signifying his Maiesties pleasure therein. It is ordered by this Court, that the esteeming of the Convictions upon the indictments of the recusancy against these persons here undernamed, shall be stayed untill his Maiesties pleasure be further known to the Contrary.

29 Maii.
15 Car. p. 311.

Viz. *Sir Iohn Symonds Knight.*
Elizabeth Good Widow.
William Cape, and
Mrs Forman Widow.

A Ccording to his Maiesties pleasure and grace extended towards *Anne Lady Sands Dowager*, and *Elizabeth Stukely* her onely daughter, and *Elizabeth Hitchcock* her servant, and signified to this Court under his Highnesse signe manuell; It is ordered and commanded by this Court, that no further proceffe or proceeding be made or had against them upon their indictments or Recusancy, untill his maiesties pleasure be signified to the contrary.

8 Junii.
15 Car. p. 316.

Per Cur.

W Hereas the Kings Majesty under his Signe manuall, signified to this Court some three yeers since, that it was his Highnesse pleasure that no Indictment of Recusancy should be received against *Sir Charles Smith of Wotton-mauers* in the County of *Warwicke*, Knight; or if any such shall happen to be, that then it should be discharged and made void. And whereas at the last Sessions an Indictment of recusancy was preferred against the said *Sir Charles*, unknowne to this Court. It is now ordered by this Court, that no further proceedings shall be made against the saide *Sir Charles* upon the said indictment, but utterly to cease, untill his Maiesties pleasure be signified to the contrary.

Per Cur

At the Sessions of Goale-delivery for *London*, held 16 Iann. 10 Car. Regis. *William Stamford* of *Perry-barre* in the County of *Stafford* Esquire, was indicted for recusancy, and after convicted 16 Feb. 10 Car. Regis, And afterwards at the Goale-delivery held 10 Apr. 11 Car. Regis, it was ordered. That according to his Maiesties expresse will and pleasure signified under his Privy Signet, dated 9 Iannar 10 Car. Regis, to stay all proceedings, &c. That the conviction of the said *William Stamford*, should not be estreated at the Exchequer.

The like stay was made of all proceffe and proceedings in the Exchequer, Kings bench, and Sessions of peace in other Counties upon all the forementioned letters of Grace and Protection, and in sundry others of that nature; as the Order made in Court upon them attest beyond all Contradiction.



A Note of the Names of those Reculants,
against whom Proceſſe hath been ſtayed by his *Majeſties*
Letters under His *Privy Signet*, in the *Crowne Office*.



Against *William Arundell* Esquire ſecond ſonne to the Lord *Arundell* of Wardour, and the Lady *Mary Saint Iohn* his wife, by letter bearing date the 25 of April Anno. 11 *Caroli Regis*. Against *Captaine Iohn Read*, by a letter dated the 13th of July 10 *Caroli*. Against Sir *Francis Mannocks* of Stoke, in the County of *Suffolk*, and Dame *Mary* his Wife, by a letter dated the 20 of April 14. *Caroli*. Against Sir *Henry Brown* of Kidington in the County of *Oxford* and Dame *Elizabeth* his Wife by a letter the fifth of January 12 *Caroli*. Against *William Bradshaw* of Saint *Clements* Danes in the County of *Middlesex* Esquire and *Margaret* his wife; by a letter dated 4th of July 11 *Caroli*. Against *Robert Hewet* of Amptill Grange in the County of *Bedford*, and *Mary* his wife, by a letter bearing date the ſecond of July 13. *Caroli*. Against Sir *Henry Audley* Knight and Dame *Anne* his wife; by a letter of the 15 of January 13. *Caroli*. Against *Thomas* Lord *Arundell* of Wardour, and the Lady *Anne* his wife; by a letter dated the 20 of June 13 *Caroli*. Against the Lady *Katherine* Windsor, wife of *Thomas* Lord *Windsor*; by a letter 7 of February 15 *Caroli*, in the ſame Court of Kings Bench, proceſſe was ſtayed againſt *Gorge Cope*, *Francis Simmons*, *Benjamin Gill*, and others indicted of Recuſancy by a warrant from *William Noy*, the Kings Atturney Generall, dated the 21 of May, 1633. And againſt *Henry Conſtable* Knight, Lord Conſtable, Viſcount *Dumbarre*, by warrant from Sir *Iohn Banks* the Kings Atturney Generall, dated the 23 of June 1635. with ſundry others.

So proceſſe out of the Court of Exchequer, and Crowne Office againſt *Robert Courteſe* and others, was ſtayed upon this Petition.

To the Kings Moſt Excellent Maieſtie.

The humble petition of Robert Courteſe, Matthew Reynolds and John Fitzwilliam, in the behalfe of themſelves and diuerſe others.

MOſt humbly ſhewing, That whereas the Petitioners have lately exhibited a petition unto your Maieſty, declaring, that for being Reculants there are writs out of your Highneſſe Court of Exchequer, directed to the Sheriffs of *London* and *Middlesex*, to ſeiſe their Goods to your Maieſties uſe; albeit they have been alwayes and now are ready to compound according to Your Maieſties moſt gracious favour, and their meane ability (being poore Tradeſmen) which by reaſon of this contagious time, and other the weighty affaires of Your Maieſties moſt Honourable Commiſſion, they have not yet done, and ſo ſtand in dan-

ger to perish, unlesse your Majesty of your accustomed clemency doe extend
your gracious favour towards them, in giving order that the said writs may be
staied, which they most humbly pray. Since which time they humbly shew there
are other writs come out of the Crowne Office to arrest their persons.

Therefore they doe most humbly beseech Your Majesty to take compassion
of them, and their poore Estates, and to give order that the said writs
may be staied, and that they may not be molested neither in their persons
or goods, whilst they are upon composition with your Majestie, which
they will indeavour to hasten with as much speed as may be,

And, as by duty bound, your poore petitioners shall dayly pray for
Your Majesty long to Raigne most happily over us.

At the Court at Oatlands 7. August 1637.

HIS Majesties pleasure is, that the writs shall be staied according to the de-
fire of the petitioners, till the first sitting of the Commission for Recusants,
at which time the petitioners are to make their appearance, and submit them-
selves to a composition according to the usuall course, and hereof the Com-
mission of Recusancy are to take notice, and give order accordingly.

Francis Windebanke.

And as the Course of Justice and proceedings against particular Popish Re-
cusants were thus obstructed by these warrants and letters, so when Commis-
sions issued out to the Sheriffs of the Southerne Counties of *England*, and *Wales*,
for finding, and seising their Lands, Goods, and Chattels in the yeare of our Lord
1639. They were forthwith Countermaunded by Letters sent to the Sheriffs to
Secretary *Windebank* in his Majesties name. Witnesse this following Letter of his
to the Sheriffe of *Somersetshire*.

After my very hartly commendations, Whereas there did lately issue forth
to your selfe and others, a Commission for the finding of the Lands, Goods
and Chattells of certain Recusants, which said proceedings being onely intend-
ded for the enabling of them that are already convicted, and mentioned in a
Schedule annexed unto the Commission, to make composition for the severall
summes of mony due from them unto his Majesty, upon the Statutes for their
Recusancy according to his Majesties most Gracious Instructions in that be-
half, which otherwise they would not doe. Now forasmuch as the said Com-
mission of enquiry hath been by divers misunderstood, as an unlawfull violent
prosecution against Recusants, which is not his Majesties intention. These are
therefore to signifie unto you His Majesties said Gracious pleasure therein.
And that no seisure be made of any the Lands, Goods, or Chattells, of those who
shall at the execution of the afforesaid Commission enter their names, that they
will within three monethes after prosecute their Composition in LONDON
with his Majesties Commissioners for their Recusancy as aforesaid. And that
you be carefull in the execution of your Commission, that all further or unusuall
prosecution against Recusants be forborn, by those that shall be therein im-

ployed, and that if any seisure of any of the Lands or goods of any Recusant as a-
foresaid be already made by you or your Deputies contrary to these His Majesties
gracious intentions, that the same by you or them be forthwith restored, such
being His *Majesties Gracious clemency towards them at this time, at the instance*
of HER MAJESTY. And so with my most hearty commendations I bid
you farewell :

Your very loving friend,

From the Court at *Whitehall*, the
fifth of *Octob.* 1639

Fran. Windebanke.

To my very loving friend, the High-Sheriffe of the
County of *Somerset*, now, and for the time being.

The like Letters *verbatim* were sent to the Sheriffes of *Oxford*, *Hampshire*,
Sussex, and other Counties, the Originalls whereof are yet extant in Mr. *Glynscu-*
rody now recorder of *London*.

The like Letters were sent into *Wales*, the copy of one of them sent into *Flint-*
shire, with the Commissioners certificate of their stay of proceedings against Recu-
sants thereupon, I shall here subjoyn.

After my hearty commendations, whereas I understand that there is a Com-
mission lately issued out of the Court of Exchequer, and sent into your Coun-
ty to enquire of the estates of the Recusants there; you are therefore forthwith up-
pon sight hereof to cause stay to be made of all proceedings upon that commission
till His Majesties pleasure shall be further known: for which this shall be your
Warrant, and so I rest,

Your very loving friend,

To my very loving friend the High Sheriffe of
the County of *Flint*.

Fran. Windebanke.

II Julii 1639. *Copia vera exam. per.*
Io Evans. sub vic.

WE the Commissioners whose names are under-written having received
His Majesties Commission under the Exchequer Seale dated 3^o die *Julii*
in the fifteenth year of his Majesties reigne, to us and others directed to enquire
what Lands, Goods, and hereditaments, certain Recusants convicted, whose
names were in a Schedule thereunto annexed, written; for the execution whereof
we having met at the Towne of *Mould* in the said County of *Flint*, the twentieth
day of *September*, 1639 The Deputy Sheriff of the said County produced a Let-
ter to the High Sheriffe directed, whereof this is a true Copy; whereupon we did
not proceed in that service.

Richard Grosvenor. John Eyton. Tho. Perton

How many Recusants were convicted from the first till the sixteenth year of His
Majesties reigne, onely in the Southern parts of *England* (besides *Wales* and the
Northerne Counties, where they most abounded) many of them being persons of
great estates, will appeare by this Certificate of Mr. *John Pulford*, specially imployed
in their prosecution by His Majesty.

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Bedford, un

Berk

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Cambridge

Cornwall

Devon

Dorset

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Hartford

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Hereford

Kent

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Lincoln

Middlesex

Monmouth

Newcastle

Northampton

Northumberland

Oxford

Salisbury

Somerset

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Tessex

Warwick

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Convictions of Recusants from 1^{mo} Caroli, in the 29 English Counties within the Southerne Division.

Anno Car. about			Anno Car. about		
IN Bedford, untill	14	90	Middlesex.	16	1060
Berks	14	360	Monmouth.	14	1400
Buck.	14	310	Norfolke.	14	490
Cambridge.	13	40	Northamp.	9	230
Cornwall.	13	160	Oxford.	14	440
Devon.	13	200	Salop.	12	560
Dorset.	14	210	Somerset.	14	330
Effex.	12	190	Suffex.	12	950
Glouc.	12	80	Suffolke.	13	460
Hartford,	4	20	Surry.	12	160
Huntington.	14	50	Wilt.	14	160
Hampshire.	14	960	Warwic.	12	1000
Hereford.	15	760	Worcester.	13	540
Kent.	13	290	q. Rutland.		
Leicester.	16	420			

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For the 12 Welsh Counties, the Convictions remaine in the custody of the Prothonotaries of *Wales*, who by Order from the Commissioners were to returne them 6 moneths agoe; but yet they are not come in.

How little benefit his Majestie made of their Lands and Estates upon their convictions, by reason of the forecited Letters of Grace, for staying proceffe and proceeding against them, is manifest by this following Certificate of the payment of all the revenues of Recusants in the Southerne parts, by the Sheriffs of the severall Counties from the yeere 1627. to 1460.

An abstract of all such sums of money as have been paid to His Majesties particular Receiver of the Recusants Revenue for the Southerne parts of this Kingdome of *England*, by any of the Sheriffs of the severall Counties on this side Trent, since the third yeare of his Majesties raigne that now is, viz.

An.Dom.	An.R.	Car.	l.	s.	d.		An.Dom.	An.R.	Car.	l.	s.	d.
1628	4	287	II	0	$\frac{1}{2}$		1635	11	251	15	4	$\frac{1}{2}$
1629	5	482	5	6	$\frac{3}{4}$		1636	12	231	13	0	$\frac{1}{4}$
1630	6	563	18	6	$\frac{1}{2}$		1637	13	198	1	1	$\frac{1}{4}$
1631	7	363	12	0			1638	14	261	5	8	
1632	8	462	7	8			1639	15	250	9	9	$\frac{3}{4}$
1633	9	337	14	8	$\frac{1}{4}$		1640	16	161	3	10	$\frac{3}{4}$
1634	10	231	1		$\frac{1}{2}$				4083	0	4	$\frac{1}{2}$

Rob. Long.

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A very inconsiderable summe, if the multitude of the convicted Recusants fore-mentioned be considered, and the great yeerely revenues of sundry of them.

I shall close up this branch of his Maiesties extraordinary favour to popish Recusants, with the Petition and Declaration of Master *John Pulford*, and his Maiesties answer thereunto in the margent, written with his owne royall Hand (by which the Papists contributions towards the *Scottish warres* are confessed, and made the ground of staying Proesse against them) the originall whereof is remaining in the custody of *Miles Corbet* Esquire, Chaireman for the Committee of *Examinatione*.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The most humble Declaration of John Pulford. Your Majesties servant, touching the proceedings as speciall Agent for advancing Your Majesties Revenue arising by the Forfeitures or Compositions with Popish Recusants in the Southerne parts of this Your Majesties Kingdom, and the lets and oppositions which hindred him in effecting the service; the which he humbly conceives (both in discharge of his duty and trust reposed in him) he ought to present unto your Maestic.

‘**T**He 19. of January in the 14. yeere of Your Majesties reigne, Your Maestic confer’d the said imployment upon me.

‘The 28. of February following, divers of Your Majesties Commissioners at my request, and for the better enabling me to proceed in the service, did signe letters (which I then presented unto them ready written) directed to the Iustices of Peace within all the severall Counties for convicting of all Recusants, as by the said Letters may appeare. But about two or three dayes after, one of the Commissioners did advertise me, That it was your Majesties pleasure those letters should not be sent, which I obeyed.

The reason of both these stais of proceedings was, because the Papists should not be diverted from their contribution which they were then making for me.

‘The eleventh of July after, I sent Comissions into ten severall Counties for enquiries to be made of the Estates of Recusants already convicted: But presently after letters were sent to the severall Sheriffs of the said Counties, requiring them to stay all proceedings upon the said commissions untill your Majesties pleasure were further knowne, upon sight whereof the Commissioners desisted, wherby I lost 114 li, which I had disbursed to Substitutes and Messengers to defray the charges of executing the said Commissions. And albeit in October following, Letters were sent to the said Sheriffs for proceedings to be had upon the said Commissions, yet in regard of the afforesaid stay, the Service was so disparaged, and the commissioners were so discouraged, that they have since neglected to execute the like Commissions directed unto them; and some Sheriffs have likewise neglected to provide Juries for finding and returning Inquisitions of Recusants Estates.

This was meerly to make a distinction betwixt the Nobility and persons of meaner quality.

‘In February following, I acquainted Your Majesties Commissioners here with the stay of the said Commissions, and backwardnesse of the commissioners in the County to proceed in the like service, and intreated them that therefore they would be pleased to signe Letters once againe to the Iustices of peace, and therein Your Majesties pleasure might be signified, as well for the Indicting and Convicting of all Recusants, as also that the Commissioners hereafter appointed should give better attendance in executing Commissions of equity: To which purpose

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I did then present unto them a draught of a Letter, which being read over unto them, they desired the Lord Treasurer to shew it Your Majesty, in regard Your Majesties pleasure was to be declared therein, upon intimation whereof by his Lordship they would signe such Letters, the which his Lordship about two or three dayes after having signified, bid me prepare the Letters. But within a few dayes after one of the Commissioners advertised me in the presence of the Lord Treasurer, That it was Your Majesties pleasure the said Letters should not be sent, for that there were divers of the Nobility, and other persons of quality, Recusants whom *Your maiestie was pleased to favour, and would not have convicted.* Neverthelesse Letters should be sent for the certifying of all Recusants names unto the Iustices, which Recusants names they should return up unto the Commissioners here, the which being accordingly written and signed by some of the Commissioners, were notwithstanding afterwards not sent, in regard some of the Commissioners conceived, such Letters, being onely for the certifying of Recusants names, without direction of further proceedings against them, would rather hinder then further the service.

In April and May following, I caused some messenges I had formerly imployed into divers Counties at my owne Charges for the discovery of Recusants unconvicted, to Indict such as they had discovered at the Sessions then held for *mid-
dlesex*, which they accordingly did: whereupon divers of those Recusants petitioned Your majesty against me, alleading, That indicting of Recusants in a forreigne County, was contrary to the intent of the Law, and a Declaration made by Your maiesties Royall Father of blessed memory; and thereupon Your majesty appointed the Lord Treasurer, Lord *Dorset*, Lord *Cottingham*, master Treasurer, and the Lord chief Iustice *Littleton*, to take due information thereof, and deliver their opinions to your majesty, who in Iuly following, met and heard the Recusants by their Councell, at which time I shewed Presidents for the like forreigne Indictments, and necessity for proceeding in that course, in regard many Recusants had for many yeares escaped Convictions in their proper Counties through feare or favour, and perhaps would so continue all their lives: howbeit I was advertised afterwards that it was your Majesties pleasure such manner of Indicting should be suspended.

I was informed that this was an illegall and undue proceeding, by as good Lawyers as any are in the Kingdome.

Besides all this I have met with another main hinderance in effecting the said service, *viz.* Letters granted by your majesty to divers of the more eminent and wealthiest of the Recusants, commanding no legall proceedings to be had against them by reason of their Recusancy. Whereby Your maiestie not onely loseth the Penalties, and Forfeitures due unto Your maiesty from them, but also under colour of those Letters they priviledge, and protect the estates of other Recusants convicted, as their own, so as the same cannot be found by inquisition, by which Your maiesty is defeated of your iust interest in their particular estates. For discovery whereof Your maiesties Attorney Generall hath (at my instance) preferred Bills in the Exchequer chamber against divers of them.

Particular favours must not make a president or rule for others.

In all which proceedings, my care, travell, and charges, have been extraordinar-

It is good reason that your pains and charges should be considered in this business.

ry, for I have expended above 600.li. without one peny recompence from the Commissioners.

I therefore most humbly beseech your sacred majesty to take into your royall consideration the aforesaid Letters and interruptions of the service, and to declare your Princely resolution concerning my proceedings for the time to come, as may be most for Your majesties Honour and increase of Your said Revenue. And as in duty bound, I shall daily pray for Your majesties long and prosperous reigne.



Discharges of Priests and Iesuites under the King, Councils, and Secretary Windebanks hands.



I have given you a brief Discovery of his Majesties extraordinary Letters of Grace and Protection to Popish Recusants for stay of all legall proceedings against them hitherto, so I shall in the next place present you a summary List of His own, His Councils & Secretary Windebanks (most likely by His Royall direction) favours to, and discharges of Seminary Priests and Iesuites from all legall prosecutions, and imprisonments, in or near London onely, all extant on record in the severall Prison Bookes to which they were committed, or in the Kings Bench, most of the Originalls of them being now in the Recorder of Londons hands, appointed long since to draw up Secretary Windebanks charge.

I shall begin with His Majesties discharges under his own Signe-manuall.
Charles R.

Whereas on the 24 of March last, our pleasure was declared to the Lords of our Privy Councell, that AT THE INSTANCE OF OUR DEAREST CONSORT THE QUEENE, and in regard of the peace betwene the two Crownes, we were graciously pleased that THESE PRIESTS and Recusants here undernamed, who were then in severall Prisons, should be released and delivered to the Marquess De Chasteauneuf, Ambassadour extraordinary to Us from the French King, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY FORMER ORDER AGAINST SUCH RELEASES AND DELIVERIES, with this further Declaration, That if any of them shall remain in, or return into the Kingdome, that our expresse will and pleasure is, That the Law should passe on every such Person without further favour, all which was ordered accordingly, and all the said persons or divers of them were brought unto you by severall Warrants, these are therefore TO WILL AND COMMAND YOU FORTHWITH TO DELIVER to the said Ambassadour, or to such persons as he shall appoint in that behalf, all such of the said persons, as are already come into Your charge and custody, and ALL SUCH AS SHALL COME TO YOUR CHARGE HEREAFTER by vertue of the aforesaid Order, and this shall be your SUFFICIENT WARRANT: So as you doe not deliver any other but the persons hereafter named, and that you returne a List of such

* Which was never executed in any poynt.

as you shall deliver to the Lords of Our Privie Councell, Given under OUR
SIGNE MANUALL at Denmark house the eleventh day of April, in the
sixth yeare of our reigne.

John Dally
Cornelius Crawley
John Southworth
Reynault Mac.
Donnell
Palmer

Gilbert Brodin
Roger Clay
Thomas Gant alias
Thornbrough
Middleton
Stevens

James Willandson
Richard Salvin.
Tho. Ridale
Brian Medcalf
John Seargin
William Biddle.

To our keeper of the Clinke, or to his Deputy.

Here we have no lesse then sixteen Priests released out of one prison by one
Warrant under his Majesties own hand at one time, at the Queenes own instance,
when not altogether so powerfull, nor Popery grown to that head and power as
now. I doubt, no such Warrant can be produced to discharge any Puritans (as the
most zealous Protestants were nicknamed) out of prison all his reigne.

Not long after there were six more priests taken, and committed to the Clink, all
of them this same yeare released at once by this ensuing royall Warrant under his
Majesties hand.

Charles R.

Whereas since our last Warrant unto you, bearing date the eleventh day
of April last, there have been brought unto Your custody these here-
after mentioned PRIESTS or Recufants, the which according to our pleasure sig-
nified on the 24. of March last, AT THE INSTANCE OF OUR DEAR-
EST CONSORT THE QUEENE, are to be transported beyond the Seas,
by such persons as the Marquesse of Castaunens late Ambassadour extraordinary
from our deare brother the French King, hath appointed. These are therefore to
will and require you forthwith to deliver to the said persons or person by the said
French Ambassadour so appointed, THE SIX PERSONS hereafter named,
to be presently transported into the parts beyond the Seas, whereof DOE YOU
NOT FAILE, and this shall be your SUFFICIENT WARRANT for
the same. Given under our Signe-Manuall at our Palace at Westminster, the 25
day of June, in the sixth yeare of our reigne.

Thomas Holmes Thomas Readman Thomas Sheephart
Robert Widdrington Thomas Berry Gilbert Shelton.

To our keeper of the Clink or to his Deputy.

After these liberall discharges of so many priests together, it seemes, the Of-
ficers of Justice were much dismayed in their bootlesse apprehensions of them;
whereupon there were seldome many of them together in prison at once in succeed-
ing yeares; and if any single priest were casually apprehended by any diligent Offi-
cers, they soon procured their severall discharges, many of them under the Kings own
hand, of which there are sundry presidents, almost in all the prisons and Goales

of England and Wales, overtedious to enumerate or transcribe; I shal instance onely in three or foure to the *Clinke*, which together with *Newgate*, the *Gatehouse*, and *Newprison*, could furnishus almost with a whole volume of the like examples.

Charles Rex.

V Hereas *Richard Salvin* was heretofore committed to your charge to be kept prisoner there untill further order; these shall be now to will & require you to enlarge the said *Richard Salvin*, & to deliver him unto *Du. moulin* a French Gentleman, to be by him transported into the parts beyond the seas, for which this shall be your warrant. Given under our *Signe manuell* at our Palace of *Westminster* the eighteenth of November, in the seventh yeare of our raigne. To our trusty and welbeloved, the Keeper of the prison of the *Clinke*.

This *Salvin* was one of the 16 Priests formerly discharged, and staying here apprehended, & now again discharged, contrary to the purport of the former warrant.

Charles Rex.

V Hereas request hath been made unto Us by *Monsieur Biscaret*, in the name of our deare mother in Law, the *Queene Dowager of France*, in the behalfe of *Matthew Wilson*, a ROMISH PRIEST, now a prisoner in your custody, that he may be released out of prison, to depart immediately out of the Kingdome in the company of the said *Monsieur Biscaret*: We being willing to give our deare mother contentment in this particular, doe hereby will and command you forthwith to deliver the person of the said *Matthew Wilson* unto the bearer hereof *Edmund Barker*, one of the messengers of our Chamber, to be by him conveyed unto the Sea side, and there shipped in such sort as We have directed by our warrant unto him in that behalfe: and for so doing, these our Letters shall be your sufficient Warrant and discharge. Given under our *signe manuell* at Our Palace of *Westminster* this foure and twentieth day of January, in the seventh yeare of Our Reigne.

To the keeper of the prison of the *Clink* within our Borough of Southwark.

This Priest released by this warrant, under pretence of being sent beyond the Seas, continued either still in the Kingdome, or returned hither soon after, being here very lately, as divers credible witnesses have attested; and no doubt most of the other Priests released on this pretext, either remained here still after their enlargement, (as *Salvin* and *John Southworth* did, as you will see anon) or returned back in

short time after, * unlesse by the Generalls of their severall orders, others were sent to supply their places; it being contrary to their Oath of Obedience to their Superiors, who give them their missions, to return from any place whither they are sent, without their speciall License, and an unpardonable sinne; the true reason, why so many Priests and Jesuites chuse rather to suffer death then depart the Realme without the License of their Superiours first obtained, which mandates their Discipline and Doctrine, constrein them absolutely to obey, under pain of eternall damnation, & the severest Ecclesiasticall and Temporall Censures they can inflict.

There is another Warrant under the Kings *signe-manuell* directed to the Keeper of the prison, called *The New prison*, within the City of London, for the

* See *Summa Angelica & Rosella: Tit. Obedientia* Mas *fons Vegius*, & *Riba demera*, in *Wita Ignatii Loyala*, *Xaviers* & *autres bien Heureux Peres de la Compagnie de Iesus.*

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release of *Ion Plansford* A ROMISH PRIEST, at the request of the same Moun-
sieur *Biscaret*, in the name of Queene Mother Dowager of *France*, dated the
same 24 day of January the same yeere as the last recited Warrant and agreeing
verbatim therewith, therefore needlesse to recite: onely I shall adde this one War-
rant more of the Kings, running in a more legall forme.

Charles by the grace of God, King of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*,
Defender of the Faith, &c. To the Keeper of the prison of *Clinke* in the
Borough of *Southwarke* in the County of *Surry*, and to all maiors, Sheriffs, and
Justices of Peace, and to all othersto whom it shall or may appertaine, Greeting.
Whereas intercession hath been made unto us by the marshall of *Bassampire*, Am-
bassadour extraordinary from the Christian King our deare Brother, that out of
our grace and goodnesse we would be pleased to release from imprisonment the
body of *Ioseph Pater* a Romish Catholike, remaining in the said prison of the
Clinke: know you, that we being willing to gratifie the said Marshall *De Bassam*,
pire, in granting unto him this his request on the behalfe of the said prisoner
have given and granted, and by these presents doe give and grant unto the said
Keeper of the prison of the *Clinke*, and to you the said maior, Sheriffs, and Ju-
stices of peace aforesaid, whom it may concerne, full power, warrant, and autho-
rity to enlarge and discharge the body of the said *Ioseph Pater* of his impris-
onment out of the said prison before mentioned, if for recusancy onely, and for
no other cause he stand committed: And this presents, or the inrolment thereof
shall be as well unto you the Keeper of the said prison of the *Clinke* for discharging
and enlarging of the said prisoner, as unto you the said Maiors, Sheriffs, and Ju-
stices of Peace, for suffering him to walke abroad at large, a sufficient warrant
and discharge in that behalfe. Given under our Signet at our palace of *Westmin-*
ster the eight day of *Ianuary* in the second yeare of our Raigne.

Exa. per Ro. Heath.

may it please your most Excellent Maiesty:

This containeth a Warrant for the enlarging of *Ioseph Pater*, a Romish Ca-
tholike, now prisoner in the *Clinke*, at the intercession of Marshall *De Bassampire*
Ambassadour extraordinary from the *French King*.

Signified to be your Maiesties pleasure by the Lord Conway.

Rob. Heath.

For releasments of Priests by the Privy Councels Warrants, take these three pre-
sidents in stead of many; The very originall Warrants under the Seale of the Privy
Councell, being now in the Records of *Londons* hands.

Whereas *Iasper Loberie* was formerly committed to your custody, to re-
main prisoner under your charge till further order: these are to will & re-
quire you forthwith to discharge & set at liberty the aforesaid *Iasper Loberie*, from
his imprisonment; for which this, together with a certificate under the clerk of the
Councels hand, that the said *Loberie* hath given security, according to an Order
of this Board, shall be your sufficient Warrant. Dated at *Whitehall* the 15. of
June, 132.

Thomas Coventry C.S. Rich. Ebor. Wentworth. I. Coke.

Arundell and Surry manchester. Wimbleton. Francis Windebank.

To the Keeper of the Clink, or his Deputy.

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At Whitehall, the 18 of December, 1633.

present

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury,	Lord Viscount Wimbleson.
Archbishop of Yorke.	Lord Cottington.
Lord Privy Seale.	Lord Newburgh.
Lord High-chamberlain.	Mr. Treasurer.
Earle of Salisbury.	Mr. Secretary Coke.
Earle of Kelly.	Mr. Secretary Windebank.

V Hereas a petition was this day presented to the Board, by *Robert Hais*, prisoner in the New-prison, shewing, that the petitioner is much impoverished in his Estate, by his long imprisonment, and is now grown so weak through infirmities, that unlesse by their Lordships favour he may enjoy the benefit of fresh ayre for the recovery of his health, his life is in great danger, And therefore made humble suite to be discharged from prison (for preservation of his life as aforesaid) upon good security to attend the Board within ten dayes after notice in that behalfe. Forasmuch as his petition was recommended to the Board **BY THE QUEENES MAJESTY**; their Lordships doe thinke fit, and order that the said *Hais* (first giving good security to attend the Board within ten daies after notice given as aforesaid) shall be discharged from his imprisonment, and enjoy his liberty without molestation or trouble of any Messengers, or other his Maiesties Officers whatsoever. Whereof the Keeper of the said prison, and all other whom it may concerne are to take notice.

Ex. Wil. Becher.

T Hese are to will and command you to set at full liberty the person of *William Waggrave* formerly committed to your custody; and for your so doing this shall be your warrant. Dated at Star-chamber the last of January, 1643.

Wil. Cant.

R. Ebor:

Thomas Coventry, C.S. H. Manchester,

Arundel and Surry

Pembroke and Montgomery.

Salisbury.

To the Keeper of the Clink and New-prison, or his Deputy.

These three persons were committed for Priests, and discharged as such, though not expressed in these Warrants, the better to colour the businesse. Note that the *Archbishops hands of Canterbury and Yorke*, are first subscribed to the two latter of them; but *Yorke* to the first in *Canterburys* absence; whose hands I dare say, are to no Warrant for such a discharge of any Puritan or Orthodox Protestant

Many more Warrants of this nature from the Privy-Counsell might be produced, which for brevity I omit.

Secretary *Windebankes* Warrants for releasing of Priests are almost infinite. I shall touch onely upon some few now remaining in the Recorder of Londons hands, who was to draw up his impeachment before he fled into France.

whereas

VHereas *William Waller* was comitted unto your charge for Recusancy, and for suspicion of being a Priest: these are strictly to charge and command you in His Majesties name upon the sight hereof, forthwith to set him at liberty: and I do likewise hereby require you to deliver unto him his apparell and other necessaries left in his Chamber when you gave * him leave to go abroad, at THE QUEENES MAJESTIES DESIRE, he paying unto you onely the ordinary Fees due by Law for the release of any prisoner from your charge and custody. And this shall be your sufficient discharge in this behalf. Dated the ninth day of Octob. 1632.

* Nota.

Fran. Windebank.

To Robert Davison keeper of the Clink in Southwark, or to his Deputy there.

THese are to Will and require you forthwith upon sight hereof to enlarge and set at liberty the body of *Henry Moore* now prisoner in your custody, for which this shall be your warrant. Dated at Westminster I Decemb. 1633.

Fran. Windebank.

To Robert Davison keeper of the new prison in Maiden-lane, London.

This Moore was committed for a Priest.

The King himself by this Warrant under his own hand committed one *Edward Moore* a Priest, to the Clink, for a notable misdemeanour done in his Court.

Charles R.

WE will and command you to receive into your custody the body of *Edward Moore*, and him to keep and detaine in safe and sure custody, untill you receive our further pleasure concerning him; for which this shall be your Warrant: Given at our Honour at Hampton-Court, this 19th day of Decemb. 1629. in the 15 yeare of Our reigne.

To the keeper of Our prison of the Clink.

Secretary *Windebank* by his own ensuing Warrant, without any expressed directions from the King, undertakes to release this Priest, committed by the K. himself.

THese are to will and require you, forthwith to enlarge and set at liberty the body of *Edward Moore*, now prisoner in your charge upon suspicion of being a Priest, and hereof you are not to fail. Dated at Whitehall, 14 Mar. 1634.

Fran. Windebank.

To the keeper of the Clink, and to his Deputy.

The like Warrants of release and discharge are under the said Secretary *Windebank's* hand to the keeper of the Clink, for *William Drury*, a popish Priest 24 Mar. 1634. for *Thomas Holmes* a Priest 9 May 1634. for *Hamsfrey Turbervill*, a Priest, 1 Decemb. 1634. for *John Fisher* alias *Percy* a popish priest, committed by warrant from the Lords of the Councell to the Gate-house 12 Decemb. 1634. and released by the said Secretaries warrant to the keeper of the Gate-house 12 August 1635. for *Thomas Rainolds* a Priest, (to the keeper of the Gate-house) 17 April 1635. for *John Goodman*, a noted priest (to the keeper of the Gate-house) 17 Sept. 1639. with infinite others, whom I now omit.

See *Romes*
Master-piece.
p. 23. 24. 29.

It was the usual practice of this * Iesuites Secretary) who had a pension from the Papists, and was a Lay-Iesuite brought up by the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, whose scholar he was, and made Secretary of State at his suite, as the memorialls of his life attest) First, if any Priests were brought before him by the Officers, if he could not discharge them without commitment, to commit them to prison for 4 or 5 dayes, for a shew, and then to discharge them. I shall give you one late instance in stead of many, out of his own Warrants in the case of *Arnold Gerard*.

‘ These are to will and require you forthwith to receive into your custody the body of *Arnold Gerard* A ROMISH PRIEST herewith sent you, and him to keep till you shall have further order. And hereof you may not fail. Dated at my house in *Drury-lane*, 25 may, 1640. *Fran. Windebank.*

To the keeper of the Gate-house in *Westminster* or, his Deputy.

within five dayes after he discharged him again by this warrant under the Secretaries Seale.

These are to will and require you forthwith to set at Liberty the body of *Arnold Gerard*, whom I LATELY COMMITTED to your custody. And hereof you may not fail. Dated at my house the 30th of may 1640.

Fran. Windebank.

To the keeper of the Gate-house in *Westminster*, or his Deputy.

So *Thomas Reinolds* a Priest committed by this Secretary to the Gate-house the tenth of April 1635. was absolutely discharged by him thence, on the seventeenth day of the same moneth, as appears by the Warrants.

John Southworth, one of the 16 Priests released by the Kings forecited Warrant of April 11 *sexto Car.* to be sent beyond the Seas as was pretended; continuing a dangerous seducer after his release, was afterwards committed again to the *Clink* prison by the Lords of the Privy-Councils warrant; but yet for all that had free liberty to walk abroad at his pleasure (as most Priests during their imprisonment, had, the more safely to seduce His Majesties good subiects, and open masses in their prisons to boote; whereupon being apprehended and brought before some of the High-Commissioners, and refusing to give bond to appear before them (though the good men never did such Romish-vermin any harm in their terrible Court, a Spanish inquisition onely to torture Puritanes, and no other persons, (he was sent to the *Clink* by their warrant under the Seale of the Court, dated the 24 of June, An. Dom. 1640 (to which they found him to be formerly committed by the Lords, and to be then a vagrant prisoner) to be there detained under the Keepers custody untill other order should be given for his enlargement all, which is expressed in the warrant for his commitment. But within few dayes after this Priest was absolutely released by this warrant.

‘ These are to will and require you forthwith upon the sight hereof, to enlarge & set at liberty the body of *John Southworth* lately committed to your custody. For which this shall be your Warrant. Dated at my house in *Drury-lane*, 16 July 1640.

Fran. Windebank.

To the keeper of the *Clink*, or to his Deputy, or Deputies.

How

How dangerous a seducer this *Southworth*, alias *Southwell* was, appears by this Petition of *Robert VWhite*, Sub-Curate of *St. Margarets* Parish in *VWestminster* to the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the last great sicknelle, 1636.

Most humbly sheweth, That the Petitioner ever since the beginning of this grievous visitation in *VWestminster*, hath used all the pains & diligence that possibly he could, to serve the Cure in the absence of *Dr. VVimberley*; and bein gimploiyd by divers charitably disposed people to distribute their alms among the most indigent and distressed sort of people, he hath observed TWO PO-PISH PRIESTS to frequent *VWestminster*, one of which is called *Southwell*, who is, and long hath been a prisoner in the *Gatehouse*, but* lies about *Clerkenwel*, This *Southwell*, under a pretence of distributing Almes, sent FROM SOME OF THE PRIESTS IN SOMERSET-HOUSE, or OTHER PAPISTS, doth take occasion to go into divers visited Houses in *VWestminster*, and namely to the house of one *VWilliam Baldwin*, and *VWilliam Stiles* in the *Kemp-yard* in *VWestminster*, and there finding *Baldwin* neer the point of death, did set upon him by all meanes to make him change his religion, whereunto by his subtile perswasions *Baldwin* easily consented, and received the Sacrament from him according to the Church of *Rome*, and so died a *Romish-catholique*. And in the same maner he perverted *William Stiles*, who also died a *Romish-catholique*. And *Southwell* to colour and hide these wicked practices, doth see the Watchmen and other poor people thereabouts, that they should affirm he comes onely to give Almes. And thus under a pretence of relieving the bodies of poor people, he comes onely to poysons their souls.

* These Priests had liberty to goe & live abroad even whiles they were prisoners, the more safely to seduce the people.

Now may it please your Grace, the Petitioner having no means to apprehend these Priests, or to stop this danger and dishonour to our Religion, doth humbly implore your Graces favour and zeal, that some speedy course may be taken to hinder the progresse thereof; and that not onely for the confirming and settling of poor people in our Religion, but also to prevent a great danger which may ensue to the *Queenes Maiestie* at her coming to *Denmarke-house*, for that divers poor people newly turned *Romish-Catholiques*, do commonly frequent the Masse at *Denmarke-house*; And three of those poor people watched all night with *VWilliam Stiles* immediately before he died, and the next day went thither to Masse. A most wicked course if it should not be remedied.

Upon this, *Southwell* soon after was apprehended, indicted, arraigned, and the premises fully proved against him by sundry witnesses; and yet by the *Queens* and *VVindebanks* powerfull meanes, his finall triall was put off, to the great discontent of the people, & he not long after released, even neer the verie time that *D. Bastwicke*, *Mr. Burton*, and *Mr. Prynne*, were most grievously censured in the *Star-chamber*, and most barbarously pillored, deprived of their eares, stigmatized, yea sent away Close-prisoners and exiles into forraign Islands, and there shut up so strait, that not so much as their Wives or Friends might have accessse by person or letter to them, nor set footing in the Islands where they were cloistered up, under pain of imprisonment and the severest censures; and all for opposing the Popish Doctrines and Innovations brought into our Church by the Prelaticall and Popish Confederates, who conspired to undermine our Religion, and boldly discovering this their con-

spiracie in printed bookes, to the incredulous secure world, who never dreamed of such an imminent danger to our religion, which is since more palpably and experimentally discovered. To such an exorbitant power and prevalency had the Priests and Popish faction then attained.

Secondly, if any Priests or Jesuits were committed in the Countrey, then it was this Secretaries ordinary practice to send for them up to *London*, by his own Warrant and Messengers, under pretence of proceeding against them here, and so to release them: to give you one late instance (most Counties having made experiences of this practice.)

Patricke Clerye, a dangerous Priest, was committed by the Earle of *Salisbury* to *Hertford-Gaole* by this Warrant.

YOU shall receive herewith the body of *Patricke Clerye*, who BY HIS OWN CONFESSION made before me IS A SEMINARY PRIEST. Wherefore these are to will and require you to take into your custody the body of the said *Patricke Clerye*, and him to keepe in durance, till he shall be delivered by sufficient Warrant for that behalf. And herein you may not faile, at your perill. Dated at *Hertford* this 26. of June, 1643. *Salisbury*.

To the Keeper of his Majesties Gaole of *Hertford*, or his Deputies there.

Within few dayes after this Priest was removed and released by *Windebanke*, by colour of this juggling Warrant.

BY vertue of HIS MAJESTIES COMMAND to me given, These are to wil and require you forthwith upon sight hereof, to deliver the body of *Patricke Clerye*, now prisoner in your custody, into the hands of this bearer, one of the Messengers of His Majesties Chamber, sent purposely for him, who is to bring him hither, to be* proceeded with, as his Majesty shal please further to direct; and hereof you may not faile at your perill. Dated at *Whitehall*, 21. July, 1640.

Fran: Windebanke.

To the Keeper of His Majesties Gaole of *Hertford*, and to all others Whom it doth or may concerne.

By such a Warrant as this, Captaine *Read*, that active *Lay-Iesuite*, mentioned in *Romes-Master-piece*, the common Host and Agent of the Jesuits Society in *England*, and chiefe Agent in the late Irish rebellion, was freed from the Gaole in *Devonshire* where he was imprisoned, and then enlarged, and especially protected by the King, in manner following; by the King himself, and this Letter of Grace.

By the King.

* O that the King should trust and stile such a Traitor wel-beloved, and grant him such speciall grace, and protection.

WHereas we have received good testimonie of the loyaltie and dutie of Our* trusty and wel-beloved Captaine *Iohn Read*, and because he may be subject to the penalties of the Lawes against RECUSANCY, These are to signifie, That We are GRACIOUSLY PLEASED to extend OVR SPECIALL GRACE towards him; and doe hereby will and command, that no Indictment, Presentment, Information, or Suit in our Name, or in the name OF ANY OTHER BEE HENCEFORTH commenced, prosecuted, or accepted against him by ANY OF OVR OFFICERS AND SUBJECTS WHATSOEVER for or concerning RECUSANCIE. And if any such shall happen, then Our will and pleasure is, that upon sight hereof the same shall be discharged

* Pag. 20, 21, 22.

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ged and made void, or otherwise not prejudiciall unto him. Given under Our Signet, the 13. day of July, in the tenth yeere of Our Reigne.

To all and singular Our Iudges of Assize, Iustices of Peace, Majors, Sheriffs, Clerks of Assize, Bailiffs, Constables, Informers, and all other Our Officers and Ministers, Whom it doth or may concern, and to every of them.

This Letter of extraordinary grace and protection to this Arch-Traitor, Conspirator and Rebell, is entred of Record in the Sessions-booke of the Clerke of the Peace of *Middlesex* at the Sessions held 6. Oct. 13. *Caroli*, pag. 261. and in the *Crown Office* too, where those who please, or doubt of it, may peruse it at their pleasure.

3. This Secretary committed some, and much blamed other Officers only for apprehending & molesting Popish Priests; and released *James* a Priest taken in Execution for a debt, by commanding an Officer to bring him out of prison to his chamber to examine him, and there by collusion permitted him to escape; for which escape thus fraudulently procured, the Jailor and Officer were enforced to pay the debt.

The Warrants to free Priests and Jesuits out of prison before and without Indictments, to prohibit them from Indictments, to reprieve and release them after they have been arraigned and condemned, are almost numberlesse.

The Jesuits apprehended by Justice *Long* in their new erected Colledge of *Clerkenwell*, in the third yeere of the Kings Reigne, were all bailed and released before they were Indicted and tried, by speciall directions from the King; which abuse was much complained of, and examined in the Parliament held that yeer: and how many scores of Priests have been since released without any prosecution and Indictment, when apprehended, the premised Warrants and the Goal-books thorowout *England* will attest; *Windebanke* releasing above 80. as was proved in * *Parliament*.

* Novemb. 11
12. 1640. See
the Journall
Book.

4. *Iunii* 1633. A privie Seale reciting that one *John Broughton* was indicted for a Priest, was directed by the King to the Judges of the Kings Bench to stay proceedings against him, which is recorded in the Crowne Office; whereupon this Warrant was made under the Lord chiefe Justice *Richardsons* hand.

W Hereas there is an Indictment remaining upon Record in the Kings Majesties Court of his Bench at *Westminster*, against *John Broughton* of *London* Clerke, otherwise *John Crowder* of *London* Clerk. And whereas His Majestie hath directed his privie Seal to me, and to the rest of the Judges of the said Court, for staying of prosecution of the said Indictment against the said *John Broughton*, by the name of *John Broughton* of *Ruerdeane* in the County of *Gloucester*, the said *John Broughton* being one and the self-same person, though diversly stiled in the Privie Seale, and in the Indictment. Therefore let the Clerke of the Crown keep the said Privie Seale, and stay Processe upon the said Indictment untill further order be taken, and this shall be your Warrant. 4 *Iunii* 1633.

Thomas Richardson Ch. J.

This *Broughton*, at the Sessions of Oyer and Terminer for the City of *London*, 22. Febr. 7. *Car. R.* was indicted for a Priest, which Indictment was afterwards removed into the Kings Bench returnable immediately, and there stayed by this former Order.

Anno 1643. *Henry Rivers*, *Francis Foster*, *William Atkins*, *Francis Cotes*, and *George Parret*, Priests & Jesuits, were all indicted in the Kings Bench of high Treason

son for being Priests. Upon this, *George Parret* presented this ensuing Petition to the King in the behalfe of himself and his fellowes (recorded in the Crown Office, with the proceedings on it) being the boldest piece, and most presumptuous sawcie affront to the proceedings of Justice against Priests and Papists, that I have met with; and yet receiving such a gracious answer from his Majesty which most would have thought he would have rejected with highest indignation) as may well amaze his Protestant Subjects.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of George Parret Gentleman.

IN all humility sheweth, That whereas your Petitioner, with other foure ROMAN CATHOLIKES, by EVILL EVIDENCE was in his and their absence indicted the 25. of June last, in your Majesties Court of Kings Bench for high Treason, for having taken Orders OF PRIESTHOOD beyond Seas, and returning to England, contrary to the Statutes of this your Highnesse Realme in this case provided.

* See how boldly they asperse the prosecutors and witnesses that dare appear against them.

* Nota.

* Many who obscure themselves, are and may be lawfully indicted without notice, in cases of Treason or Felony, and thereupon outlawed to bring them in. * Most ordinary, he should have said.

* He means Romane Priests and Catholikes, now abundantly verified in England and Ireland.

Now for as much as your Petitioner, together with the rest, are PROSECUTED UNJUSTLY by SOME MALICIOUS ADVERSARY, in hope to ruine him, or them upon no ground or occasion, but meerly upon surmises, venturing even to sweare, WHATSOEVER THEIR MALICE CAN INVENT, or what they can finde to be for their owne gaine or advantage, being persons easily to be gained with any small summe of money from prosecuting whatsoever they pretend BOLDLY to concerne the State and good service to the Crown, as a particular information is readie to be given of such persons ordinarie practices, AND DAYLY VEXATIONS OF ROMAN CATHOLIKES, ALTHOUGH * CERTAINLY KNOWN AND DESERVED TO BE OF THE NUMBER OF YOUR MAJESTIES MOST LOYALL AND OBEDIENT SVBJCTS, if it may please your Majestie to appoint either that the Secretaries of State, or any of your Justices of Peace to hear the same.

Further sheweth, That the Petitioner and the rest, untill sixe daies after the said Indictment, had * no notice of the said proceedings, nor to his knowledge ever saw him that gave such evidence against him: which course as it is * most extraordinary, having neither been nor practised neither in the time of Queene Elizabeth, nor of your Majesties Royall Father of blessed memorie in a case of this nature, without speciall order of their Majesties, or of the Lords of their Majesties privie Councell, and the parties so to be indicted, to be actually held, and present; so may it this way happen to any of your Majesties Subjects whatsoever, to be in danger of conviction of a Priest by outlary, by means of any malicious adversary, without any notice at all, to their utter ruine, and without all due consideration and respect OF THE WORTHY ESTEEM WHICH YOUR HIGHNESSE MOST GRACIOUS CLEMENCY TOWARDS YOUR * LOYALL SUBJECTS HATH JUSTLY GAINED EVERY WHERE.

The premises considered, and the present danger whereunto your Petitioner, together with your Majesties LOYAL AND OBEDIENT SUBJECTS, are lyable by such indirect and unaccustomed means: They most humbly beseech your Highnesse would be graciously pleased to give present order, That the pro-

ceedings

ceeding upon the said Indictment may be stopped or superseded. AND NO SUCH COURSE HEREAFTER TAKEN AGAINST THEM OR OTHERS, Without expresse Order from your Majesty, or the Lords of your Majesties most honourable privie Councel, as the custome hath formerly been :

And your Petitioner, together with the rest, as in duty bound, will daily pray for your Majesties long and happy Raigne.

To this insolent Petition, extending to all Roman Priests and Catholiques, and prescribing what proceedings shall be hereafter used against them, this Answer was returned to my Lord *Richardson*, then chief Iustice, by *Windebanck*.

My Lord,

I Send your Lordship herewith a Petition presented to His Majesty by *George Parret* Gentleman, which His Majesties pleasure is, That your Lordship shall take into consideration : and if you finde undue practice against the Petitioner and the rest, as is suggested in the Petition, then your Lordship is to certifie His Majesty thereof; and howsoever, in the mean time, to stay the Indictment, and any proceedings against the Petitioner and the rest ; which is all I have to your Lordship at this time.

*To my honoured friend, Sir Thomas Richardson,
Knight, Chief Iustice of His Majesties Court of
King-Bench, Westm. 20. July 1634.*

*Your Lordships loving
friend,*

Fran. Windebank.

Hereupon those Indictments were stayed, contrary to Law, Iustice, and the Judges Oaths.

Henry Morse, a Romish Priest, was committed prisoner to *Newgate*, by a Warrant from the Lords of the privie Councel, dated *March 26. 1637. June 20.* following he was released by vertue of this Royall Warrant, after two Indictments preferred against him, he being a most dangerous seducer, who perverted no lesse then 560. persons in and about *Saint Giles* parish, as appeared by a Certificat read in Court.

Charles R.

Whereas at the instance of Our dearest Consort the Queen, We have been pleased to grant, that *Henry Morse*, lately indicted upon suspition of being a Priest, and still prisoner in our Goale of *Newgate*, shall be enlarged, upon sufficient security given to appeare before the Lords of Our privie Councell when he shall be thereto called. And for as much as We understand that he hath given sufficient security for that purpose, Wee do therefore will and command forthwith to enlarge and set at liberty the body of the said *Henry Morse*, for which this shall be your sufficient Warrant. *GreenWitch* the 20. day of *June*, in the thirteenth yeer of Our raigne.

To the Keeper of the Goale of Newgate, and to his Deputy.

Before which, Secretary *Windebanke* granted this Warrant for him to put in his security.

Whereas His Majesty hath been pleased to command, that *Henry Morse*, prisoner in *Newgate*, shall be discharged from his imprisonment, giving sufficient security to appeare before the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable privie Councel, upon 20. dayes warning given him to that purpose. These are therefore to will and require you, to bring the body of the said *Henry Morse* to my house in *Westminster* to morrow, being Saturday at eight of the clock in the morning, to enter

'enter security accordingly. And so for doing this shall be 'your warrant. Dated at
'Westminster, 16. June 1637. Fr. Windebancke.

To the keeper of the prison of Newgate, and his Deputy.

* See the
Journal Book
Nov. 11, 12.
1640.

What favour and protection the Priests and Jesuits found from Secretary *Windebancke*, and the *Archbishop of Canterbury*, who brought him into this place; and what discouragement, injuries the prosecutors of them sustained, onely to take off all prosecutions of them, will appeare by this subsequent attestation of Mr. *Newton* and others, both before the whole * house of Commons, and a Committee; and now put in writing under their owne hands, who are and will be ready to avow it in all particulars.

F*Rancis Newton* Gentleman, about thirteene yeares last past, obtained a generall Warrant from the Lords of his Majesties Privy Councell, for the apprehending of Jesuits, Seminary-Priests, transporters of children &c.

By vertue of which Warrant he the said *Newton*, together with his servant *John Cooke*, did apprehend at severall times divers Jesuits and Priests, to the number of 36. at his great charge and hazard of life; who were brought before Secretary *Cooke*, and others, and by them committed to severall prisons: Whereupon the late Secretary *Windebancke* discharged the said Jesuits and Priests, and committed *Newton* and *Cooke* severall times to prison for performing their service, to their great charges and hazard of life.

The said *Windebancke* sending for *Newton*, tooke from him at severall times eight Watches (formerly taken from Priests, and given to him by the Lords,) to the value of 70. pound.

Moreover, the said *Windebancke* took from *Newton* two rich suits of popish Vestments, formerly given him by the Lords of the Privy Councell; The said *Windebancke* engaging his Honour to *Newton*, that he should receive from the *Queene* 200. pounds or the Vestments againe; *Newton* often demanded the same of *Windebancke*, yet could never get them, nor the value of them, but onely threatning words.

Divers Jesuits and Priests constantly frequently the said *Windebankes* house; and amongst the rest one *Henry Lloyd*, alias *Francis Smith*, alias *Francis Ryvers*, alias *Francis Simons*, a grand Jesuite, a great seducer, and chiefe agent in the great and damnable plot of the *Gun-powder-treason*, who by the counsell of *Windebancke* and some of his adherents, gave a judgement of 300. pound to be a prisoner to the Fleet, that the State nor Messengers should take no notice of his *Jesuiticall Plot*.

The said *Newton*, together with one *Thomas Mayo*, about August in the tenth yeare of the King, searching the house of one *Bartholmew Frumman* Esquire, of *Cheame*, in the County of *Surrey*, found the said *Lloyd*, alias *Ryvers* the Jesuite there; who going to carry him away, the said Jesuit shewed him and two high Constables the said *Windebankes* Warrant, that no Messenger or any other person should molest him, whereupon they left him there.

Moreover the said Jesuite then said to *Newton* and *Mayo* and the high Constables, these words: *Are you angry with me for being here? if you will stay till to morrow being Monday, you shall see seven more Priests of us here;* this he spake in a vaunting way, having a protection from *Windebancke*.

The said *Newton* and *Mayo* the Michaelmas-Terme following indicted the said Jesuite and *Frumman* the harbourer in the *Kings-Bench*, and proceeded to the Vt-lary:

lary : whereupon *Windebanke* sent a Warrant and apprehended *Newton* and *Mayo*, and threatned them, that if they did not forthwith forbear prosecuting the said Jesuit and harbourer, he would immediately lay them by the heels; but the said *Newton* and *Mayo* proceeded to the Vtary against them both, notwithstanding : which *Windebanke* perceiving, caused Justice *Bartlet* to stay the proceedings thereupon.

This *Francis Smith* the Jesuit said to *M. Wadsworth* and *M. Taxley* these words (in *Norfolke*) some yeers since, *That it is not now a time nor way to bring in their Religion by disputing or books of Controversie, BUT IT MUST BE DONE BY AN ARMY, AND BY FIRE AND SWORD.* Nota.

The said Jesuit usually frequented the now *Archbishop of Canterbury*, and was very seldome from him : which Jesuit perswading *Cooke*, *Newtons* servant, to goe with *Sir Kenelm Digby* into *France*, that so *Cooke* might give no more information against *Priests*; and promising him great preferments there, he did about Christmas was foure yeers, cary *Cooke* one morning to *Sir Kenelm*s bed-side at *M. Burges*s in *S. Martins* in the *Fields*, where after some discourse, *Smith* taking his leave of *Sir Kenelm*, prayed him in *Cookes* hearing, to excuse him to my Lord of *Canterbury*, that he could not dine that day with his Lordship; and prayed him to desire my Lord of *Canterbury*, to remember the businesse that he last spake with him about. To which *Sir Kenelm* replied, that he would not faile him to doe it, for he was to dine with my Lord of *Canterbury* that day.

John Gray, a Messenger, took one *Fisher* a grand Jesuit, who having been severall times examined before the Lords of the Councell, the said *Canterbury* came from the King, and delivered this sentence against him : viz. *Mr. Fisher, fall downe upon your knees, and pray for the King, that he is so mercifull unto you to save your life. It is the Kings pleasure that you must be banished the Kingdome; and be committed to the Gate-house, there to remain, untill you put in good security never to return again.*

Yet suddenly after the said *Fisher* his imprisonment, *Windebanke* released him, and gave him a protection, *That no Messenger, nor any other person should molest him, upon paine of his displeasure.*

The said *Gray* and *Cooke* afterwards (not knowing of his Protection) apprehended *Fisher*; whereupon he shewed him his Protection from *Windebanke*, and was thereupon discharged. Vpon which *Gray* and *Cook* went to Secretary *Cook* and told him that *Fisher* was discharged by *Windebanke*. Whereupon Master Secretary commanded *Gray* to go to my Lord of *Canterbury*, and tell him of *Fishers* discharge. Vpon this *Gray* and *Cook* went accordingly to speak with *Canterbury*, yet could not have any admittance to him; but spake with *M. Dell* his Secretary, and demanded a Warrant of him under *Canterburys* hand to apprehend *Fisher* the Jesuite : who replied and said to *Gray*, that he was an idle fellow to come for a Warrant from my Lord, for he would meddle with no such matter as that was; but bid *Gray*, if he would have a Warrant, he should repaire to the Councell-board; Vpon which *Gray* answered and said, I see how the game goes now; is not my Lord *Metropolitane* of *England*, and ought not he to grant me a Warrant? but I hope ere it be long to see better dayes. Vpon this the next day following *Canterbury* complained of *Gray*, and brought him before the Councell, and committed him to the *Fleet*, where he remained 14. weeks. After which *Canterbury* seeing the Lords would discharge *Gray*, who oft petitioned them by his wife, caused *Windebank* to lay his Warrant upon him; whereupon he there

there remained prisoner 7. weeks more. And upon often petitioning by *Grayes* wife, *Windebanke* was at last contented to discharge *Gray*, so that *Gray* would put in good security unto him THAT HE WOULD NOT HEREAFTER APPREHEND ANY MORE PRIESTS.

The said *Newton* apprehended *Henry Gifford*, a dangerous Iesuit, and brought him before Iustice *Griffith*, where he was tendred the Oath of Supremacy and Allegiance; whereupon the said Iesuite replied and said these words: *I Wish to God, that all those who made the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacie, that their tongues were seered in their mouthes, and all those that gave consent thereto.* Whereupon the said Iustice told him, that the King, the Lords, and Commons had made these Oathes, and committed him to prison. The next day following, the Iustice and *Newton* were intreated to come to Secretary *Windebank* to speak with him concerning the Iesuit; Which they doing, *Windebank* said to *Newton*, *Is this a Priest or a Iesuit?* *Newton* answered and said, *If he be not a Priest, he is worse than a Priest;* and told him the aforesaid dangerous words. Then said *Windebanke* to the Iesuit (be being brought before him by *Windebankes* direction) *I will not baile you for a world;* and sent him to prison. But notwithstanding, that night or the next day, he set him at liberty, without giving *Newton* his Fees.

Newton and *Cook* apprehended one *Fit-James*, an Arch-spie for Rome, and brought him before *Windebank*; yet *Drew Lover* an Arch-Papist wrought so with him, that he took *Lovets* word for his appearance before him, and discharged *Newton* of him. About foure dayes after *Windebank* told *Newton* that *James* had given him good satisfaction concerning him. Afterwards *James* being arrested upon a Bill of Middlesex, at the suit of one *Lincoln*, upon a debt of 200.l. and put into the Gatehouse, *Windebanke* thereupon hearing of his arrest (and solicited by *Lloyd* alias *Smith*, the fore-named grand Iesuit, and *Lovet* the Papist) sent for *Newton*, and gave him a warrant to take the plaintife *Lincoln* and the Bailiffe, for arresting *James*; who did apprehend him and bring them before *Windebanke*. He thereupon sent for the prisoner *James* to be brought before him, who being brought, he delivered him to *Newton*, and said, *This is your prisoner, for the King shall be served before you,* Meaning the plaintife. *Newton* answered, *May it please your Honour, you have discharged him from me these 6. daies agoe, and I have nothing to do with him.* *Windebanke* replied and said, *That is all one, you shall take him. And if the plaintif be not contented therewith, I will lay him by the heels.* Whereupon he was delivered to *Newton*. But immediately upon the plaintifs going away, *Windebanke* caused *Newton* to deliver him the prisoner, and then *Windebanke* delivered the prisoner to *Lovet*, and bid him shift for himselfe. Upon which the plaintif lost his debt, and lay in prison for the monies.

Moreover, the said *Windebanke* at sundry times threatned *Cooke*, that if ever he did go with *Newton* or any other to shew them any Priests, he would lay *Cook* in prison; and that he would take a course that he should never come out. And also said, that he would have *Cook* whipt about the streets; and caused *Cook* to fall downe upon his knees to ask forgiveness for what he had done formerly against Iesuits and Priests, having made a Mittimus to send him to the Gate-house, which he would not revoke, unlesse he would make such submission.

Witnessed
by Us

Fran. Newton.
Thomas Mayo.

James Wadsworth.
John Cooke.

To this I shall adde two relations more, During my imprisonment in the Tower of London, Captaine *Francis Conesby* Surveyer of the Ordnance, went one morning about the yeare 1633. to the *New prison* to visit one *William Drury* a Priest (who had formerly brought him a letter from a speciall friend in the Low Countries being then a prisoner there; coming into the prison and inquiring for his Chamber, he was brought into a large Hall, with sundry partitions on one side (like drinking roomes in an Alehouse or Tavern) and a curtain drawn before each of them; where he saw some walking, others sitting in the Hall; who informed him that *Drury* was in one of those Roomes: and going in order from one of them to the other, he found a Priest and a woman privately together at confession in every one of them, and *Drury* with a very handsome Chambermaide well clad in the uppermost of them. With whom having some conference about halfe an houre in his Chamber, as he was returning backe through the Hall, hee found a Priest there saying Masse, and the Tylor himselfe with a Censor perfuming the roome, and censing the same, (as they use in Popish Masses) and so many people, men and women, kneeling downe in the Hall, that hee could hardly passe by. At which strange sight he was much amazed, and not long after being in my company, upon a discourse concerning the increase of Popery, and favour shewed to Priests, hee related this story to me with much regret, avouching the truth thereof upon his credit.

Since the sitting of this Parliament, by the houses speciall direction there were severall Priests arraigned and condemned at Newgate much against his Majesties will, who notwithstanding both Houses earnest request to the contrary reprieved them from execution; and after many messages was hardly drawne to condescend to revoke this reprieve, and yeeld them up to publicke justice: which being granted, the Parliament out of their lenity spared the lives of some of them, who remaine still prisoners in Newgate; where they have gained so much favour and so far corrupted the Keepers, that even since the Covenant and Protestation taken, they have had Masses publicly in their chambers, of which information being given, and a warrant made to Master *Newton* to search their chambers, during the very last Sessions but one at Newgate, who searching *Peter Milfords* chamber (being the most active dangerous seducer of all the rest) found about Masse time an Altar ready furnished in his Chamber, foure severall suites of Massing Vestments, with sundry Crucifixes, *Agnus Deies*, Reliques, Masse-bookes, and other such Romish trinkets, (all delivered to the late Lord Mayors custodie) with no lesse then eleven persons at Masse, five of them Prisoners in the House, and the other sixe strangers; of which grosse abuse and intollerable connivance at condemned Traytors (under the very Parliaments and Courts of Sessions Noses, in these dangerous times, even since the Covenant and Protestation taken) information was given, and complaint made in open Court, at the Sessions in the Old Bayly, by Master *Newton* in my hearing, and thereupon order given (if observed) to prevent such licentious abuses for the future, deserving the severest censures for the present.

I shall adde one most remarkeable occurrent more, done in one of the highest Courts of publike Justice, in the Kings owne Name, by his speciall Command, in favour of a great convicted Popish Recusant (now in Armes against the Parliament) in derogation of his owne royall Justice and interest.

Hill. 13^o Caroli B. R. A Writ of Error was brought by the Kings Attorney, in the Kings owne name, to quash an Indictment of Recusancie against the *Marquesse of Winchster*, (whiles Lord *Seint Iohn* in the life of his Father) upon the Statute of 3. *Jacobi*, cap. 4. For not repairing to Church, &c. which Indictment was found before the Iustices of Assise, almost 20. yeeres before this Writ was brought. Now because this Statute expressly enacts; *That the Indictment shall not be reversed, avoyded or discharged by reason of any default, in forme, or for lacke of forme, or other defect whatsoever, other then by direct Traverse to the point of not comming to Church, or not receiving the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, but shall stand in force and be proceeded upon, any such default in forme, or other defect whatsoever notwithstanding; unlesse the party indicted first conform: himselfe*: Hereupon (to evade this wholesome Law, and doe this grand Recusant an extraordinary Royall favour, transcending all Parallels whatsoever) the King himselfe (the Recusant Marquesse being thus disabled by this Law) brought a Writ of Error in the Kings Bench to reverse this ancient Indictment (upon which the Marquesse was outlawed) and his Attorney Generall (Sir *Iohn Bankes*) assigned severall Errors to reverse the Kings owne suite and proceedings against this Grand Papist, who had no meanes to avoyd it. And because that learned, stout, upright Iudge; Sir *George Croke*, did often declare his opinion in Court; 'That the King could not bring a Writ of Errour to reverse his owne Iudgement given for him; that it was both a damage and dishonour to the King, and a meere deluding of this Statute to admit of such an unheard of Writ as this: The Attorney Generall, averred in open Court; **THAT THE WRIT WAS BROUGHT BY SPECIALL WARRANT AND COMMAND OF THE KING.** Whereupon afterwards in *Trinity Terme 14 Caroli*; the Indictment was quashed by Iudge *Bramston*, *Iones* and *Berkely* upon this Writ, much against the good will and opinion of Iudge *Croke*: and that upon these two frivolous Errours. First, because the Iudgement was that the Marquesse, *foris fiat* 20^l. where it ought to be *foris faciat*. Secondly, because that in the entry of the Iudgement this word, *Capiatur*, was omitted. And Iudge *Joanes* said; that for want of Addition or other error in fait the King shall not reverse an Indictment on this Act, but otherwise it was of an Error in Law. But I feare the greatest Error in this Case, was in the King and these Iudges in opening such an illegall gap for Popish Recusants wholly to evade this Law, penned with as much care and judgement as possible upon the horrid Popish plot of the Gunpowder Treason, which would have blowne up this Parliament. The record of this notorious case, and the Iudgement given upon it, is extant in the Crowne Office.

* See Master
John Whites
Brit. Century
of scandalous
malignant
Priests, p. 29.
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In few words: the Papists have lately gained such an high opinion in his Majesties judgement and affections; that he not onely stiles them, his Loyall, dutifull, trusty and wel-beloved Subjects, in all his forementioned letters of Grace; but even now principally relies upon their forces & contributions, as his best and faithfullest Subjects and Guard; insomuch that divers of our Prelaticall Clergy have cryed them up in their Pulpits (as well at the King and others in Court) for his Majesties best and most bountifull Leiges, witnesse the speech of *John Wells* Parson of *Shimplin* in *Suffolke*, requested by the Parliament, who affirmed, **THAT THE PAPISTS WERE THE KINGS BEST SVBIECTS.** And of *John*
Squire

Squire Vicar of Shorditch; (who in his last Printed Sermons stiles himself *Iohn Squire Priest*) sequestred, for that he hath publicly Preached in his Sermons That the Papists are the Kings best Subjects, for their loyalty and for their liberality, many of them like *Arauna*, having given like Kings to the King : and for their patience, that enduring very many grievances under his Majestie; they had buried them all in oblivion : exhorting that none should come to the Sacrament, unlesse they were so affected to his Maiestie as the Papists were. And comparing his Majestie to the man that went from *Hierusalem* to *Jericho*, who fell among theeves, that wounded him in his Honour, robbed him of his Castles, and hearts of his people : he said, that the Priest passing by was the Protestant : the forward Professor, the Levite ; but the Papiſt was the good *Samaritan* : Especially the Irish Papiſt ; and that the Subjects and all they have are at the Kings Command.

From all these Premises ; compared with the Plot and conspiracy of the Pope, Jesuites, Papists of all sorts against our Religion, discovered in *Romes Master-piece* : the Rise and Progresse of the Irish Rebellion : The Articles of Pacification made with the Irish Rebels there, stiled neither Rebels nor Traytors, but his Majesties * Good Roman Catholicke Subjects ; authorised by Commissions from his Majesty under the great Seale, now at last (if not at first) to take up Armes against all Protestants who shall not submit to this strange Pacification there, after the bloody slaughter, and butchery of above an hundred and forty thousand Innocent Protestants (whose blood must passe altogether unrevengeed by the hands of Royall publick justice ;) and by speciall Commissions (as we are most certainly informed, a very probable argument they had not onely pretended but real Commissions from the King at first for what they acted against the Protestants in Ireland) are now sent for over into England (where thousands of them are lately arrived and more daily expected) to fight against the Parliament, and Massacre English Protestants in their owne Countrey, as freely as they did in *Ireland* : his Majestie making bale Irish monies currant in *England* by speciall Proclamation, in favour of the Irish rebels, to be transported and made current good Subjects here, to murder us : the late intercepted Bull, with other Papers and Commissions newly intercepted, and ordered to be forthwith published in Print. By all these our whole Kingdomes if not the very blindest, and most incredulous Malignants (unlesse given over to a reprobate sence) must of necessity now see and acknowledge that there is and hath bin all his Majesties Reigne till this instant, a most strong cunning desperate confederacie prosecuted, (wherein the Queens Majestie hath bin cheife) to set up Popery in perfection, and extirpate the Protestant party & Religion in all his Majesties Dominions, which plot now visibly appears above ground, and is almost ripened to perfection, unlesse Gods owne Almighty Power, and our unanimous, vigilant, strenuous opposition, prevent its finall accomplishment.

For my owne particular, I many yeeres since through Gods goodnesse to me) by many infallible Symptomes clearly discovered, and to my power publicly detected, oppugned this prevalent growing confederacie in sundry Printed Bookes ; especially in my *Perpetuity of a Regenerate Mans estate*, *Anti-Arminianisme*, *Dr. Colens his Cozening Devotions*, *Lame Giles his baltings*, *The Vnbishoping of Timothy and Titus*, *The Antipathy of the English Prelacy to unity and M-*

*In the Copie printed at Shrewsbury.

narchy; *A Looking-glasse for Lordly Prelates*; but especially in my *Quench-Coale*, written in the Tower of London; for which good publicke service. what a strange ingrate requitall I received, from the pretended Fathers of our Church, and defenders of our faith, is too well knowne to the world. During my Imprisonment in the Tower, I met with some more speciall passages in Popish writers, which much confirmed me in the reality of this Conspiracie against our Religion, and to re-establish Popery; which because then unobvious and unknown to most, I had an intention to have published, as I could gaine oportunity; but my close Imprisonment there, and Exile into *Wales* and *Iersie*, prevented this designe. Wherefore I shall for a close of this Narration; present you now, with what I then intended. The first was these ensuing letters of the Pope to the King (when Prince of *Wales* and in *Spaine*) and of the King to the Pope, in answer therof, recorded by *Andrew de Cbesne*, Chronographer to the King of *France*, in his History of *England, Scotland, and Ireland*, l. 22. f. 1162. Printed at *Paris Cum Privilegio*, the last Edition, p. 509. 510, &c. And in the *French Mercury*, Tom. 9: Which Letters and Articles of the *Spanish Match*, layd the foundation stone of all his Majesties ensuing favours to Romish Recusants, Priests, Iesuites, and most punctually discover his good affection and inclination to the Roman Party, if not to that Religion, ever since manifested towards them, and abundantly detected by the premises, I shall here insert the same as I finde them lately printed in French and English, by others.

The Popes Letter to the King, when Prince of *Wales* and in *Spaine*.

Most Noble Prince, Salutation and light of the divine grace: Forasmuch as great *Brittaine*, hath alwayes beene fruitfull in Vertues, and in men of great worth, having filled the one and the other world with the glory of her renoune; She doth also very often draw the thoughts of the holy Apostolicall Chaire, to the consideration of her praises. And indeede the Church was but then in her infancie, when the King of Kings did chuse her for his inheritance, and so affectionately, that we beleeve, the Roman Eagles have hardly outpassed the Banner of the Crosse. Besides that many of her kings instructed in the knowledge of the true salvation, have preferred the Crosse before the Royall Scepter and the Discipline of Religion before covetousnesse, leaving examples of Pie-

TRes-Noble Prince, *salut & lumiere de la grace divine*: Comme ainsi soit que la grand^e Bretagne ait tousiours este abondante en vertus, & en personna- ges de grand merite & ait remply l'un & l'autre monde de la gloire de sa renommee, elle attire aussi tres souvent les pensees du Saint Siege Apostolique a la consideration de ses louanges. Et de fait l'Eglise ne faisoit encore que naistre, quand le Roy des Roys la voulut choisir pour son heritage, & se affectionnement, qu'on tient qu'à peine les Aigles Romains y ont pluostost passe que l'ostendart de la Croix. Joint que plusieurs de ses Roys instruits en la cognoissance du vray salut, ont prefere la Croix au Sceptre Royal, & la discipline de la Religion a la conuotise: laissant des exemples de pieté aux nations estrangeres & aux siecles futurs. Si bien qu'ayans merite dans le

ty to other Nations, and to the ages yet to come. So that having merited the Principalities and first places of blessedness in Heaven, they have obtained on Earth the Triumphant ornaments of true holines. And although now the State of the English Church is altered, we see nevertheless the Court of Great Britain, adorned and furnished with morall Vertues which might serve to support the Charity that we beare unto her, and be an Ornament to the name of Christianity, if withall she could have for her defence and protection the Orthodox and Catholike truth. Therefore by how much the more the Glory of your most noble Father, and the apprehension of your Royall inclination, delights us, with so much more zeale, we desire that the gates of the Kingdome of Heaven might be opened unto you, and that you might purchase to your selfe the love of the universall Church. Moreover it being certaine that Gregory the great, of most blessed memory, hath introduced to the English people, and taught to their Kings the law of the Gospell, and the respect of Apostolicall Authority: We, as inferior to him, in holinesse and vertue, but equall in name and degree of dignity, it is very reasonable that we following his blessed footesteps, should indeavour the salvation of those Provinces, especially at this time, when your designe (Most noble Prince) eleuates us to the hope of an extraordinary advantage: Therefore as you have directed your journey to Spain: towards the Catholicke King, with desire to allie your self to the house of Austria, We do much commend your designe, and indeed doe testifie openly in this present businesse, that you are he that takes the principall care of our Prelacy. For seeing that you desire to take in marriage the daughter of Spaine: from thence we may easily conjecture that

Ciel les Principantez, & preeminences de la Beatitudine, ils ont obtenu en terre des ornemens triomphaux de vraye Saintete. Et ores qu' aujourdhuy l' Estat de l' Eglise Anglicane soit altere, nous voyons neant, moins la Court de la grand BRETAGNE estre ornee & munie de vertus Morales, qui serviraient de consolation à la charité que nous luy portons & d'ornement au nom Chrestien, si conjointement elle pouvoit avoir pour sa defence & protection la verité orthodoxe & universelle. C'est pourquoy d' autant plus que la Gloire de vostre Serenissime Pere, & le ressentiment d: vostre Royal naturel, nous d'lectent, de tant plus grande ardeur resisterons-nous que les portes du Roiaume Celestes vous soyent ouvertes, & que vous vous acqueriez l' amour de l' Eglise Universelle. D' ailleurs, estant vray que Gregoire le grand de tres-sainte memoire a introduit aux puples d' Angleterre, & enseigné à leur Roi la Loy de l' Euangile, & le respect de l' auctorité Apostolique: Nous comme inferieurs, à luy en sainteté & vertu, & pareils en nom & degré de dignité, il est bien raisonnable, que suiuanz ses Saints vestiges nous procurions le salut de ces Provinces, notamment aujourdhuy que vostre heureux dessein (tres noble Prince) nous esleve à l' esperance d' un bonheur extraordinaire. Partant, comme vous vous estes acheminé en Espagne vers la personne du Roy Catholique, avec desir de vous allier à la Maison d' Autriche, Nous avons bien voulu louer vostre dessein, voire mesme tesmoigner ouvertement en l' affaire qui se presente, que vous estes celuy que regarde le principal soin de nostre Prelature. Car ainsi estant que vous desirez prendre en mariage une Fille d' Espagne, de là pouvons-nous aisement conjecturer, que ces anciennes semences de la Fiete Chrestienne, lesquelles ont sy heureuse-

that the ancient seedes of Christian Piety, which have so happily flourished in the hearts of the Kings of great Brittain may (God prospering them) revive again in your soule. And indeed it is not to be belceved that the same man should love such an alliance, that hates the Catholique Religion, and should take delight to oppresse the holy Chaire. To that purpose we have commanded to make continually most humble prayers to the father of lights, that he would be pleased to put you as a faire Flower of Christendome, and the onely hope of Great Brittain, in possession of that most noble heritage, that your Ancestors have purchased for you, to defend the Authority of the Sovereign High Priest; and to fight against the Monsters of Heresie. Remember the dayes of old, enquire of your Fathers, and they will tell you the way that leads to heaven; and what way the temporall Princes have taken to attaine to the everlasting Kingdome. Behold the gates of Heaven opened, the most holy Kings of England, who came from England to Rome accompanied with Angels did come to honour and doe homage to the Lord of Lords, and to the Prince of the Apostles in the Apostolicall Chaire: their actions & their examples being as so many voyces of God, speaking and exhorting you to follow the course of the lives of those to whose Empire you shall one day attaine.

Is it possible that you can suffer that the Heretiques should hold them for impious, and condemne those that the Faith of the Church testifies to reigne in the heavens with Jesus Christ, and have Command and Authority over all Principallities and Empires of the earth? Behold how they tender you the hand of this truly happy inheritance, to conduct you safe and sound to the Court of the Catholique King, and who desire

ment fleury dans les cœurs des Rois de la grand Bretagne, peuvent (Dieu leur donnant accroissement) reuerdir en vostre ame, Et de fait il ne seroit pas croyable que celui-là aimast une telle alliance, lequel hayroit la Religion Catholique, & se plaroit à opprimer le Saint Siege. Nous auons ensuite de ce commandé de faire continuellement de tres-humbles prieres au Pere des lumieres, à ce qu'il luy plaise de vous mettre comme une belle fleur du Christianisme, & unique esperance de la grand' Bretagne, en possession de ce tres noble heritage, que vos ancestres vous ont acquis à deffendre l'autorité du souverain Pontife, & à combattre les monstres de l'heresie. Souvenez vous des iours anciens, enquerez vous de vos Peres, & ils vous diront par quelle voye l'on va au Ciel, & quel chemin ont tenu les Princes temporels pour per paruenir au Royaume eternal. Voyez les portes du Ciel ouuertes, ces tres-Saincts Roys d'Angleterre, qui partans d'Angleterre pour venir à Rome accompagnez des Anges, sont venus honorer & faire hommage au Seigneur des Seigneurs, & au prince des Apostres en la Chaire Apostolique. Leurs œuvres & leurs exemples sont autant de voix de Dieu qui parlent; & qui vous exhortent à ce qu'ayez à suivre la facon de viure de ceux, à l'Empire desquels vous parviendrez un iour.

Est-il possible que vous puissiez souffrir, que les Heretiques tiennent pour impies, & condamnent ceux que la foy de l'Eglise tesmoigne regner dans le Ciel avec Jesus-Christ, & auoir commandement & autorité sur toutes les Principautez & Empires de la terre voilà qu'ils vous tendent la main de ceste bienheureuse Patrie, pour vous conduire sain & sauf à la Cour du Roy Catholique, & qui desireront vous ramener au giron de

to bring you back againe into the lap of the Roman Church: Beseeching with unpeakeable sighs and groares the God of all mercy for your Salvation, and do stretch out to you the Armes of the Apostolicall Charity, to imbrace you with all Christian affection You that are her desired Sonne, in shewing you the happie hope of the Kingdome of Heaven. And indeed you cannot give a greater consolation to al the people of the Christian Estates, then to put the Prince of the Apostles in possession of your most Noble Island, whose authority hath bin held so long in the Kingdome of Brittain, for the defence of Kingdomes, and for a devine Oracle; which will easily arrive, and that without difficulty, if you open your heart to the Lord that knocks, upon which depends al the happinesse of that Kingdom. It is of our great Charity that we cherish the praises of the Royall Name; and that which makes us desire that you and your Royall Father might be stiled with the names of Deliverers, and Restorers of the ancient and paternall Religion of Great Brittain, which we hope for, trusting in the goodnesse of God, in whose hands are the hearts of Kings, and who causeth the people of the Earth to receive healing, to whom we will alwaies labour with all our power to render you gracious and favourable; In the interim take notice by these Letters of the care of our Charity, which is none other than to procure your happinesse; and it will never grieue us to have written them, if the reading of them stir but the least spark of the Catholique Faith, in the heart of so great a Prince, whom we wish to be stiled with long continuance of joy, and flourishing in the glory of all vertuss.

Given at Rome in the Pallace of S. Peter
the 20. of Aprill, 1623. in the Third
yeare of our Popedome.

Pope Gregory the 15.th having writ the fore going Letter to the Prince of Wales, it was presented to him by the Nuncio of his Holinesse in Spain, he being accompanied with the Italian Lords that then were in the Court,

l' Eglise Romaine: laquelle suppliant avec gémissements inenarrables le Dieu de toute Misericorde pour vostre salut, vous tend les bras de la Charite Apostolique pour vous embrasser avec toute affection Chrétienne, vous qui estes son desiré fils, en vous montrant l'esperance bien heurense du Royaume des Cieux. Pour nray vous ne pourrez donner plus grande consolation a tous les Peuples de l'Estat Chrestien que de mettre en possession de vostre tres-noble Isle le Prince des Apostres, l'Auctorite duquel a esté tenue si long temps en vostre Royaume de la grand Bretagne pour la defense des Royaumes, & por oracle de la Divinite. Ce qui arrivera sans difficulte, si vous ouvrez vostre cœur au Seigneur qui frappe, en quoi gist toute le bon-heur de ce Royaume.

C'est de ceste si grande charité, que nous favorisons les loüanges du nom Royal, & qui nous fait desirer que vous & nostre Serenissime pere soyez qualifiez du nom de Libérateurs & Restaurateurs de l'ancienne & paternelle Religion de la grand Bretagne. Ce que nous esperons, nous confians en la bonte de Dieu es mains duquel sont les cœurs des Roys, & qui fait que les Peuples de la terre puissent recevoir guarison, lequell nous tascherons tousiours de tout nostre pouuoir nous rendre propice & favorable. Cependant reconnoissez ces lettres le soing nostre charité, qui n'est autre chose que pour procurer nostre bonheur: & iamaïs il ne nous fera mal de les auoir escrites si la lecture d' icelles vient au moins à exciter quelque petite flamme de la Foy Catholique dans le cœur d' un si grand Prince, l' quel nous desirons estre comble d' une ioye de longue duree, & florissant en la gloire de toutes vertus.

Donné à Rome au Palais de Saint Pierre
le xx. iour d' Aurill 1623: l'an troi-
siesme de nostre Pontificat.

The Prince of Wales having received this Letter, made this following Answer, which was after published.

MOST Holy Father, I received the dispatch from your Holiness with great content, and with that respect which the pietie and care wherewith your Holiness writes, doth require: It was an unspeakable pleasure to me to reade the generous exploits of the Kings my Predecessours, in whose memory, posterity hath not given those praises and Elogies of honour, as were due to them: I doe beleve that your Holiness hath set their examples before my eyes, [to th' end that I might imitate them in all my actions, for in truth they have often exposed their estates and lives for the exaltation of the Holy Chaire;] And the courage with which they have assaulted the enemies of the crosse of Iesus-Christ, hath not been lesse than the care and thought which I have, to the end that the peace and intelligence which hath hitherto bene wanting in Christendome, might be bound with a true and strong concord: for as the common enemy of the peace, watcheth alwayes to put hatred and dissention amongst Christian Princes, so I beleve that the glory of God requires that we should indeavour to unite them; And I do not esteeme it a greater honour to be descended from so great Princes, than to imitate them in the zeale of their pietie. In which it helpes me very much to have knowne the minde and will, of our thrice honoured Lord and Father, and the holy intentions of his Catholike Majestie to giue a happie concurrence to so laudable a designe: for it grieves him extreamely to see the great evils that grow from the devision of Christian

Le Prince de Galles ayant receu cel Lettres, il fist la Responce suivante, quy fut publiee un peu apres.

TRes-Saint Pere, J'ay receu la Dispatch de vostre Sainteté avec un grand contentement dans le respect Et que demandent la Pieté & la Bienveillance, avec lesquelles vostre Sainteté l'a escriee. Ce qui n'est un plaisir indicible de lire les exploits genereux des Roys mes Predecesseurs, à la memoire desquels la posterité n'a point donné les eloges d'honneur qui leur sont dus. Je veux croire que vostre Sainteté a mis leur exemple devant mes yeux, afin que ie les imitasse en toutes mes actions. Car à la verité ils ont exposé souvent leur Estat & leurs vies pour l'exaltation du Saint Siege. De sorte que le courage avec lequel ils ont assailly les ennemis de la Croix de Iesus-Christ, n'a pas esté moindre que le soucy & la pensee que j'ay, afin que la Paix & l'Intelligence, qui ont manque jusques à present dans la Chrestiente soient estraintes d'un lien d'une veritable concorde. Car de mesme que l'ennemy commun de la Paix veille toujours pour mettre la haine & dissension parmy les Princes Chrestiens, aussi ie croy que la gloire de Dieu demande qu'on s'achève de les unir. Et ie n'estime pas que j'aye un plus grand honneur d'estre descendu de si grands Princes, que de les imiter dans le zele de leur Pieté. En quoy il me sert grandement d'avoir reconnu la volonte de nostre tres honore Seigneur & pere. & les saintes intentions de sa Majesté Catholique, pour faire reussi heureusement ce laudable dessein, paroy qu'elle a un extream regret de voir les grands malheurs

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Christian Princes, which the wisdom of your Holiness foresaw, when it iudged the Marriage which you pleased to design, between the Infanta of Spain & my self, to be necessary to procure so great a good; for 'tis very certaine, that I shall neuer be so extremely affectionate to any thing in the world, as to endeavour allvance with a Prince that hath the same apprehension of the true Religion with my selfe: Therefore, I intreat your Holinesse to beleve, that I haue been alwaies very far * from incouraging Noveltyes, or to be a partisan of any * Faction against the Catholick, Apostolike Roman Religion: But on the contrary, I haue sought all occasions to take away the suspition that might rest upon me, and that I will imploy my selfe for the time to come, to haue but one * Religion and one faith, seeing that we all beleue in one Iesus Christ. Having resolved in my selfe, to spare nothing that I haue in the world, and to * suffer all manner of discommodities, euen to the hazarding of my estate and life, for a thing so pleasing unto God: It rests onely that I thanke your Holinesse, for the permission you haue been pleased to afford me, and I pray God to give you a blessed health and his glory, after so much paines which your Holinesse takes in his Church. Signed,

CHARLES STEVVARD.

qui naissent de la division des Princes Chrestiens. Ce que la prudence de vostre Saintete a preueu, lors qu' elle a iuge que le mariage qu' il luy plaist de seigner entre l' Infante d' Espagne & moy, est necessaire pour procurer un si grand bien: pur ce qu' il est tout certain, que ie ne me porteray iamais si passionement a chose de monde qu' a la recherche de l' alliance d' un Prince, qui aura le mesme sentiment de la vraye Religion avec moy. C'est purquoy ie prie vostre Saintete de croire que i' ay tousiours este fort esloigne d' aduancer les nouveutez, ni d' estre partisan d' aucune faction contre la Religion Catholique Apostolique Romaine: mais au contraire, que i' ay recherche les occasions, afin que le soupcon qui peut tomber sur moy soit entierement oste, & que ie m' employe de tout mon reste pour n' auoir qu' une Religion, & qu' une Foy, puis que nous cryons tous ensemble en une Iesus-Christ. Ayant resolu de ne m' espargner point en chose du monde, & de souffrir toutes sortes d'incommoditez, mesme de hazarder mon Estat & ma vie, pour une occasion si agreable a Dieu. Il reste seulement que ie remercie vostre Saintete de la permission qu' il luy a plu de m' accorde, & que ie prie Dieu qu' il luy donne une benheureuse sante, & sa gloire, apres tant de travaux que vostre Saintete prend dans son Eglise. Signe,

CHARLES STOVARD.

* Our Religion deemed but a Novelty or Faction, by the King.

* To wit the Roman Catholique.

* Loe the true cause of the Kings hazarding his Kingdomes state & life in these present Wars against the Parliament to advance Popery.

This Letter printed in Spaine in many Languages, discovers to us the very Root of all our present warres, in which his Majesty hath sustained many incommodities, hazarded both his estate, life, and Realms; fully resolves us what Protection of the Protestant Religion we must now expect from himselfe; and that Armed Catholick party to which he adheares, and more, he here resolves to suffer but one Religion, (to wit the Roman Catholike) only in his Realms intimating our Reformed Religion, to be but Novelty and Faction, against the Roman Catholike faith.

I have scene a Coppy of these Letters in English, long since; the Kings letter (who perchance writ two of this nature) being somewhat different from the French in some expressions, though not in substance: Now that such Letters really passed between the King and Pope, during his abode in Spaine, appears not onely by divers ancient Printed Copies of it in sundry Languages, but is also thus expressly attested by Master *James Howell*, (an attendant upon his Majestie in that expedition) no friend to Parliaments, but a Malignant now in custodie, in his *Vocal Forest*, dedicated to the King himselfe, the Queene, and Prince, Printed at London 1640. p. 128. 'The Holy Sire (the Pope) who was so great a friend to the intended alliance (who had formerly writ unto, and sent to visite Prince Rocalino (*Charles*) was taken away by the hand of Fate, &c. Moreover his booke farther informeth us p. 124. That *Chenandra* (*Olivares*) the chiefe Ingrosser of the Olives (the King of Spaines) favours, welcomming the Prince into Spaine, said; That he doubted not but he came thither, to be of their Religion. And p. 134. The common voyce among those of *Elaiana* (Spaine) was; that Prince *Rocalino* (*Charles*) came thither to make himselfe a Christian. But that which is most observable is this passage concerning the Articles in favour of Papists agreed on, and sworne to by King *James*, and his Majestie, by the Popes sollicitation upon the Spanish Treaty: p. 125. 126. 127. when *Rocalino* (Prince *Charles*) arrived, matters were brought to that perfection by the strenuous negotiation of * *Sophrenio*, that there wanted nothing for the consummation of all things, but a dispensation from *Petropolis* (Rome) which at last * came: and before that time *Rocalino* (*Charles*) was not admitted to speake with the Lady *Amira* in quality of a sutor, but a Prince. Now the said Dispensation came clogged with an unhappy unexpected clause, thrust in of purpose, as it appears, to retard the proceedings of things; which was; * That whereas there were certaine Articles condescended unto by *Duina's* Monarke (King *James*) in favour of the *Petropolitans* (Papists) that were in that Kingdome, and other Crownes under his Dominion; the great Arch-flamin (the Pope) demanded caution for the performance of them. The *Royall Oake* answered, that he could give no other caution then his Word and Oath: and *Rocalino* (Prince *Charles*) should doe the like, which should be confirmed by his Councell of State and exemplified under *Duinas* (Englands) broad Seale: but this would not satisfie, unlesse some * *Petropolitan* Sovereigne Prince should ingage himselfe for them. Hereupon all matters were like to goe off the hinges, and a buzze went abroad, that *Rocalino* intended to get away covertly. In these traverses *Chenandra* steps forth and said: there were three wayes to conclude this businesse, two good and one bad: the first good way was, That Prince *Rocalino* (*Charles*) should become a *Petropolitan* (Papist.) The second was, That as *Elaiana* (Spaine) was obliged to him for his free comming thither, so he might as freely deliver to him the Lady *Amira*, trusting him without further condition. The ill way was, not to trust *Rocalino*, at all with any thing, but binde him as fast as they could. While matters were thus canvassing, and gathering ill blood; *Eluianas* (Spaines) King stepped up, and proffered to engage himselfe by Oath, for the satisfaction of the great Arch-flamine, but with this proviso, that he must first consult with his Ghostly Fathers, whether he might doe it *Salva Conscientia* or no. Hereupon the businesse was referred to a Committee of the learnedst

* Lord Digby who now swayes in his Councils very much.

* And after that another from the succeeding Pope. p. 133. * Nota.

* Popish

Yewes, (Bishops, Divines) and the State of the Question was.

Whether the * *Olive* might with safety of conscience take an Oath in behalfe of * King of
* *Drinas* Monarke and * *Rocalino*, for performance of such and such Articles that * *Spain*.
were agreed upon in favour of the Depotrolitans, throughout the Kingdomes of the * The King
* Royall Oake? of England.

This Assembly long demurr'd and dwelt upon the Question, and after a long * Prince
protraction of time they concluded at last, affirmatively: and in case the Oake failed * *Charles*.
to execute what was stipulated, the *Olive* was to vindicate his Oath, and right him- * Papists.
selfe By the Sword. * King James.

This difficulty being surmounted, there was exceeding great joy, and all the
Capitulations were interchangeably sworne unto, Both by the Duke and Olive: * King James.
and as *Chenandra* said in *Elaiana*; so the * Royall Duke himselfe was so confident
that he said; All the Devils in hell could not now breake the match: whereto a
blunt facetious Knight being by, answered; That there was never a Devill now
left in hell, for they were all gone to *Spaine* to helpe make up the match.

By all these observable passages, dedicated so lately to the King himselfe, by one
of his owne servants, who was privie to them; it is apparent, that not onely Let-
ters passed betweene the King and Pope whilst he continued in *Spaine*: but like-
wise, That * Articles in favour of Papists throughout *England* and all his Maje-
sties Dominions, even such as the Pope himselfe approved, were at the Popes re-
quest condescended unto by King James, and caution offered and given to the
Popes for the performance of them, even by King James, King Charles, and the
King of *Spaines* regall words, Seales, Oathes: That these Articles were to be con-
firmed by the Privie Councell of State, and exemplied under the Great Seale of
England. And that the maine end the Pope and Papists aymed at in this *Spanish*
match, was the seducing of the King and Realme to the Romish Religion, and re-
ducing of them to their ancient Vassallage to the Sea of *Rome*: which will bee
more apparent if we adde to this, that *Hugh Simple*, a Scottish Jesuite, being in
the Court of *Spaine* when the King was there, gave up divers Petitions and Ad-
vertisements to the King and Councell of *Spaine*, that they should not conclude
any match with *England*, unlesse there should be erected in each Vniversity under
our Kings Dominions a Colledge of Iesuites, for the training up of youth in the
Roman faith and Doctrine; which Advertisements he printed with his Name
subscribed, and delivered to his friends in Court; as *James Wadsworth*, then pre-
sent. (whose father was Tutor to *Donna Maria* the Spanish Lady, and taught her
English,) hath published in his *English Spanish Pilgrim*. ch. 3. p. 30. 31.

* This Prince
Charles ex-
pressed in the
English Cop-
pic of the
Letter to the
Pope, though
but implied in
the French.

It is very observable, how King James to make the better way for the Popish *Span-
ish Match*, to comply with *Spaine*, and expresse his favour and affection to those of
the Romish Religion, sent this ensuing Letter to the Lord Keeper *Williams*, for the
releasing of Imprisoned Recusants throughout *England*.

Trusty and welbeloved, We Greete you well; Whereas we have given you a
former warrant and direction for the making of two severall Writs for the enlarge-
ment of such Recusants as are in Prison at this time, either for matters of Recusan-
cie in Generall, or for denying the taking the Oath of Supremacie, according to
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the Statute, by removing them from the generall Goales of this Kingdome, to be bailed before the Iustices of our Bench; finding by experience that this course will be very troublesome to the poorer sort of *Recusants*, and very chargeable unto Vs, who out of our Princely Clemency, and by the mediation of Forraigne Princes were desired to beare out the same. We will and require you to make and issue forth two other Writs, in nature and substance answerable with the former, to be directed to our Iustices of Assises enabling and requiring them and every of them to enlarge such *Recusants*, as they shall find in their severall Goales, upon such sureties and recognisance, and other conditions, as they were enlarged by the Iudges of our Bench; and this shall be your Warrant so to doe.

Dated at Westminster,

July 25. 1622.

Hereupon this Lord Keeper (though a Bishop) not onely issued out these Writs, but likewise writ this letter to the Iudges.

After my hearty Commendations to you: His Majestie having resolved out of deepe reasons of State, and in expectation of like correspondence from forraigne Princes to the Professors of our Religion) to grant some grace and connibency to the Imprisoned Papists of this Kingdome, hath commanded me to passe some Writs under the Broad Seale for that purpose; Requiring the Iudges of euery Circuit to enlarge the said Prisoners according to the Tenor and effect of the same.

I am to give you to understand (for his Majesty) how his Majesties Royall pleasure is, that upon receit of these Writs you shall make no nicenesse nor difficulty to extend this his Princely favour to all such Papists as you shall find prisoners in the Goales of your Circuits, for any Church Recusancy whatsoever, refusing the Oath of Supremacy, or dispersing Popish Bookes, or hearing saying of Masse, or any other point of Recusancie, which doth touch or concerne Religion onely, and not matters of State, which shall appeare unto you to be Totally Civill and Politicall; And so I bid you heartily farewell.

Westminster Colledge

August 2. 1622.

Your loving Friend

Iohn Lincolne.

By Vertue of these Writs and Letters all the Imprisoned Recusants, and most Seminary Priests & Iesuits were every where released who therupon grew very bold, insolent, and had open Masses and Sermons in divers places, (wherof that in *Blackfriars* on the 5. of their *November*, where so many of them were pressed to death, and *Drury* his braines who then preached, beaten out with the sodaine miraculous fall of the Roome where they assembled, is most memorable,) in hope of the match with Spaine; and of the publick toleration promised and resolved on; as appeares by King *James* his insuing speech at the Councell Table, upon his proposall of the Spanish Match to the Lords of his Privy Councell.

Now because his Majesties and his Royall Fathers intended Popish match with Spaine, and the proceedings thereupon, have beene the * Originall Fountaine, whence all the forementioned favours and suspensions of our Lawes against Papists Priests, Iesuits, together with the extraordinary increase of them and Popery

* Mercurie
Francois Tom.
9 An. 1624.
p. 28. 29.

pery, if not our present warres, have proceeded, I shall give you a further true and reall account thereof, out of the *French Mercury* Tome 9. Printed in *French* at *Paris* Anno 1624. with speciall priviledge of King *Lewis* the 13th. Wherein all the particulars of the Kings voyage into, his entertainment and proceedings in, and returne from *Spaine*, with all the Articles and passages touching that marriage, are most punctually and truly related. I shall present you onely with some things in it which are most considerable, and worthy our present publike knowledge.

* Count *Gondemar* the King of *Spaines* Embassador returning to his Master into *Spaine* in the yeare 1623. with Propositions of a marriage to be made betweene *Charles* (now King) then Prince of *Wales*, and the *Infanta Mary* second sister to the Catholick King of *Spain*, and the Lord *Digby* Earle of *Bristol*, long before sent extraordinary Embassador into *Spaine* to pursue this marriage Treaty; the Prince soone after accompanied with the Duke of *Buckingham*, the Lord *Cortington*, and *Endymion Porter*, departs unexpectedly and secretly (with King *James* his consent) in disguised habits, from *England*, and posted through *France* into *Spain* where he arrived at *Madrid*; and was there most royally entertained; and all Arts used to engage him not onely to favour, but Embrace the Romish Religion. Among others * there was a most solemn Procession instituted, wherin the King of *Spaine*, and most of his Nobles bare a part; and the Prince with his followers being placed in a Balconce where the Procession passed: they all made very great humiliations and Genuflections when the holy Sacrament passed by. Pope *Gregory* the 15. likewise writ a solemn Letter to the Prince (the same *Verbatim* with that forecited, recorded likewise in this * *Mercury*) which was brought and delivered to him by the Popes Nuncio with great solemnity, accompanied with all the *Italian* Lords then about the Court, and divers *Spanish Dons*: whom the Prince received with grand courtesie, respect and honour: To which Letter the Prince returned the forementioned answer. This letter of the Pope written in *Latin*, together with the Princes answer to it, was presently printed in divers Languages, and the Articles propounded by the King of *England*, were soon after sent by the King of *Spain* to the Pope to receive his approbation of them ere they were accorded. The Pope hereupon adviseth with the Cardinals of his conclave, for the propagation of the Roman Catholick Religion, about these Articles; to some of which he intirely condescended without any alteration; some of them he alters onely in part, and returns them back with his answers to, and alterations of every of them, written under each particular Article; which alterations being sent to King *James* he condescended to most of them in direct termes, to all of them in substance; (which Articles, with the Popes owne answers to, and emendations of them, over tedious to insert, you may read in this * *French Mercury*.) Most of the articles were in favour and advancement of Popery and Papists; and the same almost *Verbatim*, with the ensuing Articles of the French match, ratified likewise by the Pope. * But the Cardinals of the Propagation of the Faith, not contented with these generall Articles, which tended principally for the assurance onely of the Religion of the *Infanta* and her family, perswaded the Pope to grant no Dispensation for this marriage, till they had proposed to the King of great Britain, certain Propositions for the right, augmentation, and weale of the Roman Catholicke Religion, to which he must condescend; For the performance

* *Mercurie*
Francois Tome
9. p. 470. &c.
An. 1623.

* *Ibid* p. 533
to 539.

* *Ibid* p. 509,
510 &c.

* Page 517
to 520.

* *Ibid* p. 522
523.

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*Tom. 9 Page
381.

of both which Articles, the King of *Spaine* demanded not onely the Kings and Princes Oathes, and confirmations under the Great Seale of *England*, which were accordingly given, but an Act of Parliament, and certaine Cautionary Townes in *England* when the marriage was accomplished; the first whereof (if not both) were promised. Whiles this match was in agitation, King *James* assembled his Privie Councell together 25. of *Febr.* 1623. before the Princes departure into *Spaine*, and there made a long Oration to them, as the *French Mercury* (never controlled) attests, some passages whereof are very observable. That soone after he came to the crowne of *England*, by the Popes exhortatory Letters to the King of *Spaine*, and Arch-duke *Albertus* in *Flanders*, there ensued a peace betwene the Crownes of *England* and *Spaine*. That shortly after at the instance of many, he caused the Image of the Crosse to be redressed, and that men should not foule it under their feet. That when he came first to the Crowne of *England* he spake among other points of the Apostolicke and Roman Religion; and although it were the true, yet then to avoyd all sorts of rumors, which might then have risen to the prejudice of peace in the Re-publicke: I said, that in this Religion were many superfluous ceremonies, the which deserved to be refused.

At the same time many Roman Catholikes, our Subjects, and members of our Realme, presented us their requests, by which they earnestly beseeched us to grant them the liberty of their Conscience, upon the hopes they had to be so much the more comforted under our raigne, as they had beene Oppressed under the raigne of Queene *Elizabeth*. But as it oft times happens, that those who ardently desire any thing, imagine with themselves, that it is very easie to doe, or to be obtained, and oftentimes prove the contrary: so all the Catholikes who hoped to be releev'd by us, and to be disingaged of great and intollerable surcharges which haue beene imposed upon their Goods, Bodies and Soules, during the reigne of the said *Elizabeth*, requiring onely of our Royall benevolence to be remitted to the enjoyment of their Goods, Honours, and Estates, and to be maintained in the Religion in which all our Predecessours and Kings of *Scotland* have lived from *Donaldus*, untill the time of our late beloved Mother, who received Martyrdome in this Realme, for Confession of the said Catholicke Religion. A Religion which hath beene publicly professed so many ages in this Realme of *England*, and which hath beene confirmed by so many great and excellent Emperours, and hath beene so famous in all Ecclesiasticall Histories, by an infinite number of * Martyrs, who have sealed it with their owne blood in their death,) were then deceived of their hopes, by an apparent feare of certaine commotions which then might have ensued. So that in all our Realmes, for the sole respect of my person, and not by Reason of Religion it selfe, (so as many of the said Catholikes have very well knowne) there was no mutation or change at all had; although they well knew There was in Us a Grand affection to the Catholicke Religion, in so much that they haue believed at Rome, that wee haue * Dissembled for to obtaine this Crowne of *England*. But all this hath beene nothing else but the opinions of men, the which one might have discerned in al my comportments during my reigne, in not committing any Offices, nor benefits to others, than to those which have beene formerly purveyed for, (or appointed by the Lawes,)

Now after that our bounty hath opened the doore to our Piety, and that wee have

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have maturely considered all the penuries and calamities that the Roman Catholikes have suffered in the exercise of their Religion; seeing that they are of the number of * Our Faithfull Subjects; We have for this cause resolved to releve them, For which reason after we have maturely consulted upon this businesse, we have ordained and doe Ordaine, and have taken and doe take from henceforth all Roman Catholikes being our Subjects into our Protection, permitting them the Liberty, and entire exercise of their Religion, without using in their behalfe any sort of inquisition, procelle, or other criminall actions by which they may be grieved or molested from this day forwards, permitting them moreover to celebrate the Masse, and all other Divine Services concerning their said Religion.

* They were not such nor so esteemed when the Gunpowder plot was discovered.

We will also that they shall be re-established and restored in all their Estates, Lands, Fees and Seigniories; Commanding our Maiesties and Justices in this behalfe to hold their hands, in such sort, that none of what quality or condition soever he be, for what cause soever it be, shall not attempt hereafter to Grieve or molest the said Catholikes, neither in publike nor in secret, in that which toucheth the liberty of the exercise of the said Religion, upon paine of being reputed guilty of * High Treason, and a disturber of the Peace, and of the repose of the Country: such is our Will and Definitive sentence.

See 3 Jac. c. 1. to. 6. and the Kings Proclamations that year, 6. Jac.

After which he justifies the lawfulness of the Spanish match, notwithstanding the difference of Religion, and danger of feminine seduction; relates his resolution to proceede in it, with the reasons of it, prohibiting any under paine of severest censures, to speake against it.

* Nota, the cause why the Parliament are now proclaimed traitors by his Majesty.

Loe here (writes this Mercury) the causes which moved his Majestie of Great Britaine to seeke after the alliance of Spaine by marriage, the which many in England, and especially the Puritans or reformed, and those of the English confession adhering to this Sect, were no wayes well pleased with; and cheifely, having understood, of the Prince of Wales his honourable entertainment at Madrid, and of the Articles of the Marriage; which were to be examined at Rome. So the French Mercury, which thus proceedes.

Hereupon two writings ran from hand to hand; the one intituled; *A Discourse of the Archbishop of Canterbury (Abbot) to the King of Great Brittain*, and the other *Vox Populi*: the latter produceth many excellent reasons in point of policie and Religion against the Popish match with Spaine. (which you may peruse in the book it selfe, being Common.) The first condemnes his Majesties toleration of the Roman Religion in his Realmes, as being displeasing to God, an anguish and griefe to his best Subjects professing the true reformed religion; a great dishonour to himselfe who had publickely Writ and disputed often against that Religion, which he knew in his owne conscience to be false and superstitious. That his Edicts and Proclamations for the tolleration of it, could not be confirmed without a Parliament (which would never condescend thereunto) unlesse he would openly shew to his Subjects, that he intended to usurpe an absolute liberty, to infringe, and null all Lawes of the Country: That it would produce many dangerous consequences, and bring the just Iudgements of God both upon the whole Realme in generall, and himselfe in particular. With all, it censures the ill advise of those who sent the Prince into Spaine without the generall consent of the Realmes, which by law had more interest in him, then the King his Father, &c. (as you may read in Mercury.)

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*Dr. Hackwel
and others
writ against
this Popish
match which
divers Bishops
approved of
as lawfull.

* Page 517.
&c. An. 1623.
& p. 19. to 30
An. 1624.

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Notwithstanding all these and * other contrary advices, this match went on so farre, that the generall Articles of the match, with the Popes alterations, were solemnely sealed and sworne to by the Prince in *Spaine*, and also by King *James* in the Chappell of *Whitehall* July 20. 1624. the solemnity whereof you may read at large in the * *French Mercury*, together with the articles. At the taking of this Oath in the Chappell, there arose these two difficulties: The first about this Title of the P O P E, MOST HOLY, which King *James* refused to give to the Pope, in the Oath which he ought to pronounce in the Chappell, alleaging the repugnancie thereof to his Religion, and that this would be a reproach, and by consequence prejudiciall to him for the future. But the *Spanish* Embassadors refused to passe it over, if his Majestie would not consent to give him the foresaid Title; to which in the end he consented. The second difficulty was, that some reported to the Embassadors, that they should have such prayers in the Kings Chappell when they came to see the Articles sealed and sworn to by the King, and such singing of Psalmes as were used in the Protestant Church and Kings Chappell, at which prayers they could not be present since they came thither to no other end but to assure maintaine, and warrant the Catholike Apostolicall and Roman Church. Whereupon the King commanded that nothing should be there sung, but what was sung when the Constable of *Castile* tooke his oath there, to sweare the peace between the two Crownes, which was an hymne of joy, in praise of peace: and to out all scruple, the King caused the Register of his Chappell to carry the Hymne to the Embassadors to peruse, and so all difficulties were removed: the King yeelding to the Popish Ambassadors, to gratifie the Pope in his Anti-christian Title; but they not yeelding one haire breadth to him, in honour or approbation of our Prayers, Psalmes, or Religion, which must give place to their Catholicke pleasures.

The Articles being solemnely sworn in the forenoone; the King made an extraordinary feast to the Embassadors; which ended, the King and they went to the Councell-chamber, where all the Lords of the Councell sealed and subscribed the Generall articles of the marriage. Which done the Embassadors came to the King, who took this solempne Oath, and swore these private articles to them, in favour of Papists and advancement of the Romish Religion: (enough to amaze all Protestant Readers) which I have faithfully translated out of the Latine Coppy Printed in the *French Mercury*.

JAMES by the Grace of God of Great *Brittain*, &c. King; Defender of the Faith, &c. to all to whom this present writing shall come, Greeting: In as much as among many other things, which are contained within the Treaty of Marriage betweene our most deare sonne *Charles* Prince of *Wales*, and the most renowned Lady *Donna Maria*, sister of the most renowned Prince, and our well beloved Brother, *Phillip* the fourth King of *Spaine* it is agreed, that WE BY OUR OATH SHALL APPROVE AND RATIFIE THE ARTICLES under expresse to a Word;

That PARTICULAR LAWES MADE AGAINST ROMAN CATHOLIKES, under which other Vassals of our Realmes are not comprehended, and to whose observation all generally are not obliged; and likewise generall

all Lawes under which all are equally comprised, so as they are such which are repugnant to the Romish religion, shall not at any time hereafter by any means whatsoever, or case directly or indirectly, be commanded to be put in execution against the said Romish Catholikes: And we will cause that our Councell shall take the same Oath, as far as it pertaines to them and belongs to the execution, which by the hands of them or their Ministers is to be exercised.

2 That no other Lawes shall hereafter bee made anew against the said Romish Catholikes, but that there shall bee a perpetuall toleration of the Romish Catholike Religion within private houses, throughout all our Realmes and Dominions: which we will have to bee understood as well of our Kingdome of Scotland and Ireland, as in England; which shall bee granted to them in manner and forme, as is capitulated, decreed, and granted in the Articles of the Treaty concerning the marriage.

Nota.

3 That neither by Us, nor by any other interposed Persons whatsoever, directly or indirectly, privately or publickly, will we treat (or attempt) any thing with the most Renowned Lady Infanta, *Donna Maria*, which shall bee repugnant to the Catholike Romish Religion; neither will we by any meanes perswade her, that she should ever renounce or relinquish the same in substance or forme; or that she should do any thing repugnant or contrary to those things which are contained in the Treaty of Matrimony.

Nota.

4 That we will interpose our Authority, and doe as much as in Us shall lie, that the Parliament shall approve, confirme, and ratifie, all and singular Articles in favour of the Romish Catholikes, capitulated between the most Renowned Kings by reason of this Marriage; and that the said Parliament shall reboke and abrogate the particular Lawes made against the said Romish Catholikes, to whose observation also the rest of Our Subjects and Vassals are not obliged, as also the Generall Lawes, under which all are equally comprehended, to wit, As to the Romish Catholikes, if so be they be such, as is aforesaid, which are repugnant to the Romish Catholike Religion, And that hereafter we will not consent, that the said Parliament should ever at any time, make or write any other new Lawes against Romish Catholikes.

Nota bene.

We accounting all and singular, the preceding Articles ratified and acceptable, out of Our certain knowledge, as farre as they concerne Vs, Our Heires or Successors, approve, ratifie, applaud, and promise bona fide, and in the Word of a King by these presents, inviolably, firmly, well and faithfully to keep, observe and fulfill the same, and to cause them to be kept, observed and fulfilled, without any exception or contradiction, and doe confirme the same by Our Oath upon the holy Evangelists, notwithstanding any opinions, sentences, or lawes whatsoever to the contrary; In the presence of the most illustrious Lords *Don Iohn de Mendoza*, Marquess of *Inojosa*, and *Don Charles Coloma*, Extraordinary Embassadors of the Catholike King; of *George Calvert* Knight, one of our chiefe Secretaries; of *Edward Conway* Knight, another of our chiefe Secretaries; of *Francis Cottington* Barronet, of the Privie Councell to our Sonne the Prince; of *Francis de Corondelet* Apostolicall (or the Popes) Prothonotary, and Archdeacon of *Cambray*; Dated at Our Palace at *Westminster* the 20 day of *Iuly*, *Anno Domini*, 1623. in the English stile.

JACOBUS REX.

A compared and true Copy.

George Calvert (then chiefe Secretary, who turned soone after, and died a professed Papist.)

ibidem, p. 9.

To these Articles the Prince of *Wales* likewise sware, and signed them with his hand at *Madrid*, in the same manner, as King *James* did at *Westminster*, as this * *Mercury* assures us, and, I presume, his Majesties own conscience and followers can attest.

Before I proceed further, I shall desire thee, kinde Reader, whosoever thou art, especially if an English, Scottish, or Irish Protestant, to pause a while, and most seriously to ponder these premised Passages, Articles, Oaths, worthy thy most serious consideration, if not thy admiration; and when thou hast so done, then let me propound these few *Queres* to thee from them, & to the Honourable House of *Parliament* too.

First, Whether the *heart of Kings* (as well as of other persons) be not *unsearchable*; yea, *deceitfull above all things, and desperately wicked*; So as no man can truly know or discern it? as *Prov. 23. 3. Jer. 17. 9.* resolve past all dispute.

Secondly, Whether King *James* were really so *zealous a Protestant*, and *Anti-Papist*, as the ignorant world reputed him, especially in his declining age?

Thirdly, Whether those who have willingly without any compulsion, and (for ought appears) cordially entred into such *Romish Alliances, Articles, Covenants, Oaths*, can be ever sincerely affected to the *Protestant Party or Religion*, or really opposite to *Popery or Papists*, notwithstanding all outward *Protestations, Proclamations or flourishes* to the contrary, to blinde the over credulous vulgar, ignorant of the *Premises*?

Fourthly, Whether his Majesty having thus twice taken two solemn Oaths at least, upon both his *Treaties of Marriage with Spaine and France*, (of which more anon) to protect and maintaine to the utmost throughout his Dominions, the *Roman Catholikes, Church and Religion*, yea, to suspend and abrogate all *Lawes* against them; and that before ever he made any *Promise, or Declaration* at all to maintain the *Protestant Religion*; whether he be not thereby now farre more deeply engaged by vertue of these Oaths and Articles to protect, favour, and defend the *Romish Catholike Faith*, then the *Protestant*; and his *Romish Catholike Subjects* in all his Dominions, then his *Protestant Lieges*, having never entred into any such *Solemn Articles, Oaths and Covenants* (unlesse lately in *Scotland* much against his will, with which his Holinesse of *Rome* will easily dispence, being quite contrary to his primitive Articles) to defend and propagate the *Protestants, and Protestant Religion*, as he hath done to defend *Popery* and his *Popish Subjects*?

Fifthly, Whether all the premised Letters of *Grace, Protection, Indulgences* to *Priests, Iesuites, and Popish Recusants*, be not the reall results and effects of these Oaths and Articles, and of the ensuing Articles and match with *France*? as the *French Mercury, Tom. 9. An. 1624. p. 28. 29.* expressly resolves.

Sixthly, Whether the true and reall designe of the *Pope*, the *Realmes of Spaine and France*, and all *Promoters* of these matches, Articles, were not to re-establish *Popery* in its perfection, and extirpate the *Protestant Religion* throughout all his Majesties *Realmes*, by meanes and vertue of them, by degrees?

Seventhly, Whether his Majesty doth not hold himselfe now bound in conscience by vertue of these Oaths and Articles, (what ever his outward protestations and pretences be) to side with his *Roman Catholike Subjects*, both in *England, Ireland, Scotland*, and Arm them against his *Protestant Subjects and Parliaments* in all three *Kingeomes*, of purpose to make good these his Oaths and Articles; and to protect them

them against the due execution of all antient Lawes already enacted, and all other new Lawes and prosecutions now really intended against them in *England, Scotland*, contrary to these his Oathes and Articles? And whether this be not the very true, and proper cause of all his former and present Wars, Proclamations, Declarations, Remonstrances against the *Scots*, the former, the present Parliament; yea, the very ground why he proclaimes them Traytors, Rebels, no Parliammment, but a faction? &c. Why he brake up all the former Parliaments since his raign by discontinuances, and endeavours to dissolve and cut off this by the sword of Papists and Atheists, against the very Act of Parliament so lately assented to by himselfe? And whether upon this ground, he would not rather his Parliament, his Protestant Subjects, Kingdomes should now perish, then his Catholikes Subjects, or their Religion suffer or miscarry, as he discourses they are like to doe if the Parliament should prevaile or continue?

Eighthly, Whether these Oathes and Articles bee not the reall ground of the late horrid Irish conspiracy, massacre, Rebellion, Pacification, Toleration, and his Majesties connivance at, if not approbation of these horrid bloody execrable practises? of the extraordinary favours lately indulged to those cursed barbarous Rebels by his Majesty, and his most gracious entertainment of them, not only into his Royall favour, but Court, Army, and Realme of *England*, as his securest Life-Guard?

Ninthly, whether it be not then high time for the Parliament, and all the Protestants throughout his Dominions to look about them, and enter into solemn Protestations, Covenants, Engagements, mutually to defend themselves, their Religion, Lawes, Liberties, Lives, Estates, when they are thus endangered by the Popish party, and the King himselfe (to omit the Queen) by Oath and Articles, is thus confederated with, and engaged to protect them, and their Religion to the uttermost?

Tenthly, Whether these Oathes and Articles considered, it can possibly bee believed, that his Majesty ever took up Armes and joyned with Papists to maintain the Protestant Religion? Or that if his Majesty by force of Armes should prevaile against the Parliament or Protestant party, there be, or can bee any probability or possibility (in humane reason) left us to believe or conceive, that the Protestant Subjects should ever freely enjoy the Profession of their reformed Religion, just Rights, Lawes, Liberties, Estates, or Lives; or Papists be prohibited the free publike toleration and open practice of their Antichristian-Religion? And whether then it will not inevitably follow by vertue of these Oaths and Articles, that all Lawes whatsoever now in force against the Pope, Popery, Papists, shall and must be presently repealed, even by a packed or forced Parliament; and a publike toleration at least of Popery (if not totall suppression of the Protestant Religion) settled by Parliament; and all attempts to draw the Queen, or any else from Popery, be prohibited by Oath to all Protestants, under paine of High Treason, without any restraint at all on Papists, not to endeavour to seduce the King and all his Subjects, by all the wayes and arts that may be? This being the very purport of the premised Letter, the Spanish Oath, Articles, and of the French, here following.

If any after the perusal of all these Letters, Articles, Oathes, Queres, will still be wilfully blinde or secure, let them be so at their own utmost perill; and if they suffer, perish through their folly, let them thank themselves: I have freed my own soule, though theirs miscarry through their own sottishnesse or incredulity.

(a) The Vocall
Forrest,
Mercurie Fran-
cois, Tom. 9.
An. 1624 p. 10.

(b) Mercurie
Francois à Pa-
ris avec Privi-
lege Anno 1625.
f. 480. Tom. 10.
& mentioned.
Tom. II. p. 353.
&c. Where the
whole solemn-
nity of this
Marriage is de-
scribed.

(c) Il falloit
envoyer à
Rome, Mercurie
Francois, p. 477.

Nota.

This *Spanish Match*, after it had been in a manner fully concluded on all hands, unexpectedly breaking off in a moment, to the (a) exceeding dejection of the *Papists* throughout all England: The Kings Marriage with the Lady *Mary of France*, (of the same *Romish Religion* with the *Spanish Amira*) was soon after concluded; and that (as is more then probable by the *Queenes* Bishops, Priests, Capuchines, with other such *Romane Locusts*, who accompanied her Majesty hither, the entertainment of a *Popes Nuncio* from *Rome*, and an Agent at *Rome*; and the subsequent favours, Protections which the *Papists* and *Priests* in *England*, have ever since obtained from the King by Her most prevalent mediation, as is manifest by the premised *Letters, Warrants*;) upon the selfe-same *Articles in favour of the Papists*, as were assented to in the *Spanish nuptiall Treaty*: But that which puts it out of question, are the generall and private *Articles of agreement* (long since published in some *French Mercuries*, printed at *Paris* with *Royall Priviledge*, and passing from hand to hand in private *English Manuscripts* among the most intelligent men:) some of which *Articles* I shall here annex, as I finde them in *English Manuscripts*, agreeing with the *French Originall*.

‘**T**hat the above named the Lords Embassadours have promised, and doe promise for and on the behalfe of his Majesty of great Britaine, now reigning, that hee shall take to Marriage, for his deare Consort and Wife, the Lady Henretta Maria Daughter of France, and Sister to his foresaid most Excellent Majesty, in person, or otherwise by Proxy, so soone as conveniently the same may be done; and that also the foresaid Lady at the good pleasure and consent of his foresaid Christian Majesty, and of the Queen her Mother, after his FORESAID MAJESTY HATH OBTAINED A (c) DISPENSATION FROM THE POPE, doth promise to take for her deare Consort and Husband, Charles the first, King of Great Britaine, and according to the foresaid reciprocall promise, he shall be affianced and contracted after the manner accustomed in the CATHOLIKE AND ROMISH CHURCH.

‘7 It is likewise agreed upon, that the said Lady and all her Followers, as also the Children which shall be borne to her Officers, shall have free exercise of the Catholike Apostolicall and Roman Religion; and to that end the foresaid Lady shall have a Chappell in each of the Kings Palaces, or Houses, or in any other place of his Majesty of Great Britaine, where she shall chance to come and continue; and that the foresaid Chappell shall bee adorned and decked as it is fitting; and that the keeping thereof shall be committed to whom it shall please the said Lady to appoint; in which the preaching of Gods Word, and the Administration of the Sacraments, the MASSE, and all other Offices shall be freely and solemnly done, according to the use of the *Romish Church*; yea, all Indulgences and Iubilees which the said Lady shall obtaine or get from THE POPE, may bee done and executed there. There shall bee also one Church-yard in the City of London, given and appointed to interre and bury such of her said Ladiships Followers, as shall chance to depart this life according to the manner and forme of the Church of Rome; and that shall be modestly done: the which Church-yard shall bee in such sort inclosed or walled about, that no person shall come therein to prophane the same.

‘8 It is also agreed upon, That the said LADY SHALL HAVE A BISHOP FOR.

FOR HER GREAT ALMONER, who shall have all Iurisdiction and necessary Authority for all matters or causes concerning Religion, and who shall proceed against the Ecclesiasticall persons which shall be under his charge, according to the Canons constituted and appointed.

9 And if it shall at any time happen that any Secular Court shall take any of the foresaid Priests into their power, by reason of any crime or offence against the State by him committed or done, and do finde him to be guilty thereof, yet shall the said Court send him back to the said Bishop, with the Informations which they find by him, because the said Priest is priviledged from their power; and the said Bishop when he shall understand and know so much, shall degrade the said Priest, and afterwards send him back unto the foresaid Secular Court to doe Iustice upon him. And for all kind of other faults, the aforesaid Priests shall be sent to the Bishop, to the end that he may proceed against them according to the Canons in that case provided, and in the absence or sicknesse of the said Bishop, the Priest which is by him appointed to bee his great Vicar, shall have the same power and authority.

Nota.

10 It is likewise agreed upon, that the said Lady shall have 28 PRIESTS, or Ecclesiasticall Persons in her House, comprehending therein her Almoner and Chaplaines, to serve and keepe the foresaid Chappell according as they are appointed, and if any of them bee a Regular or Canonick person, living under more pre-script Rules then the rest, yet he may hold and keep his habit.

Nota.

(a) Also the KING OF GREAT BRITTAINE, is by OATH BOUND NOT TO INDEAVOUR BY ANY MEANES AT ALL TO HAVE HIS SAID QUEENE TO RENOUNCE THE CATHOLIKE APOSTOLIKE AND ROMISH RELIGION, NOR COMPELL HER TO DOE ANY THING WHATSOEVER THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE SAME RELIGION.

(a) The French Coppy in King James life time runs thus,

Le Roy & le Prince, s'obligent par serment, de ne rater pur quelque Voy que ce puisse estre, faire Renoncer Madame à la Religion Catholique, Apostolique & Romaine, ny la porter à aucune chose, qui y soit contraire.

11 The said Queens House shall bee maintained with so much Dignity, and with so great a number of Officers as ever any had that was Queen of England; all the household servants which the said Lady shall carry into England, shall be Priests Catholikes and French by birth, and chosen or appointed by his most Christian Majesty; And if it happen that any of them die, or that the foresaid Lady shall bee willing to change her said Servants, then Shee will take in their steads other Papists Catholikes, French or English, alwayes provided that his Majesty of Great Brittain consent thereunto.

16 The children which shall by reason of the said inter-marriage, be born and live, shall bee nursed and brought up neere unto the said Lady and Queen, from the time of their Birth, untill they come to the age of fourteene yeares.

ne have little hopes then of her Conversion to our Religion.

These Articles with others, (agreeing with the Spanish and French printed Copies) were subscribed and signed by the Earles of Carlile and Holland, Embassadours and Commissioners for King Charles; and by other French Commissioners, and afterward signed and sworn to by King James, the French King, and Prince Charles the 10 of November, 1624. and after King James his death, new signed, subscribed by these Embassadours, and sworn unto by both these Kings, Thursday the eighth of May, 1625.

Besides these generall Articles, there were (as the (b) *French Mercury* informes us) these three particular ones condescended unto; *Outre ces Articles generalx, il y en, ceux trois de particuliers;* (the same with those of *Spaine* forementioned.)

(b) *Mercurie*
Francois, Tom.
10. p. 487.
A Paris avec
Privilege le
Roy. An. 1625.

Le Premier, touchant les Catholiques, tant Ecclesiastiques que Seculiers, Prisonniers depuis le dit dernier Edict, lesquels serroient tous mis en liberte.

Le second, à ce que les Catholiques Anglois ne serroient plus recherchez pour leur Religion: Et le troisieme; Que ce qui se trouveroit en nature des biens saisis sur les Catholiques tant Ecclesiastiques que seculiers, depuis le dit dernier Edict publie contra eux, leur serroient restitues.

The first touching the Catholikes, as well Ecclesiasticks as Seculars, Prisoners since the said last Edict, the which shall be all set at liberty.

The second to this effect, That the English Catholiques shall be no more searched after (or troubled) for their Religion: And the third, of this nature, that the goods seised upon the Catholikes, as well Ecclesiastiques as Seculars, since the said Edict published against them, shall be restored.

Upon these Articles, Oathes, Proceedings of the King in these Treaties of Marriage with *Spaine* and *France*, and his enter-marriage with the *Queen*, (a most sedulous Promoter of the Roman Catholike Religion;) these severall effects ensued.

First, an extraordinary great multitude of most dangerous seducing Seminary Priests, Iesuits, Monks of all sorts, especially Benedictines, Nunnes and Iesuitesses came flocking over into England, and other his Majesties Dominions, without any restraint or inhibition whatsoever, there being no lesse then 261 Romish Priests, Monks, Iesuites, (besides Popish Physicians, Apothecaries, and Chirurgions) constantly residing in and about *London*, in the yeare 1624. the Catalogue of whose names you may read in *John Gee*, (a reclaimed English Priest, by the fall of the Massing-Chamber in Black-Fryers, where he hardly escaped) in his *Foot out of the snare*, Edit. 4. *London* 1624. there being, as hee then manifested in this Book, at least foure times as many more Priests and Iesuits in other parts of *England*, and well-nigh 300 to his knowledge in one single County alone; and above 60 English *Benedictine* Monks from *Doway*, besides those sent from other places.

Secondly, There were many new Collidges, Monasteries, and Seminaries erected in *Spaine*, and other forraign Parts for the training up of English, Irish, and Scottish Priests, Monks, Iesuites, Nunnes, to be sent over into his Majesties Dominions, to reduce *England* to the Popish faith, and obedience of the Sea of *Rome*; (as you may read at large in *John Gee* his *Foot out of the snare*; *Lewis Owen*, his *Running Register*; *James Wadsworth*, his *English Spanish Pilgrime*, *London* 1629. *Rudessius Barlo*, his ensuing letter; The *French Mercury*, Tom. 8. 9. & 10. *Nich. le Maistre*, *Instauratio Antiqui Episcoporum Principatus*, and others,) and new Chappels built for *Masse*, and a Cell for *Capuchins* here.

Thirdly, There were many private Societies and Monasteries of Iesuites, Monks, Nunnes, secretly erected and maintained in *England*, but many more openly built, stocked, and professedly supported in *Ireland*, as appears by the Remonstrance and Petition of Grievances touching Religion, presented to the King by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, 3. *Caroli*: The late Remonstrance of both Houses,

concerning

concerning the Rise and Progresse of the late Irish Rebellion, Romes Master-Piece; Romes Inquiry, &c. and other evidences here ensuing.

Fourthly, There was a new Popish Hierarchie erected, and Bishops, Arch-Deacons, &c. created by the Pope, both in England and Ireland, to exercise all Episcopall Jurisdiction therein; besides the Queens Bishop mentioned in the former Articles; as is evident by Nich. le Maistre his *Instauratio Antiqui Episcoporum Principatus*, and Rudesindus Barlo his letter recorded in it, by Henry Flood his letter from Rome, to F. Colleton Arch-Priest, alias Arch-Deacon of London, March. 27. 1623. with other letters recorded by John Gee, in his *Foot out of the snare*, p. 27. &c. *The Popes Briefe*, and *Romes Inquiry*: and the evidences hereafter cited.

Fifthly, All Lawes and Proceedings against Popish Priests and Iesuits, were suspended by generall and speciall letters, warrants of Grace and Protection fore-mentioned; and before the Kings marriage by letters sent to all parts by Bishop Williams Lord Keeper, in King James his Name, all Priests and Recusants then imprisoned for their Religion were * released, upon pretence of procuring like favour, and liberty of conscience for the Protestants in France, and other forraign parts: Who soone after were generally persecuted every where in Germany, France, and all their Townes, Forts, demolished in France by force of Armes; yea, many thousands of them massacred; and Rochel it selfe betrayed into their power, by our English ships, and the treachery of the Popish and Court party here. * See *Mercure Francois*, Tom. 9. An. 1624. p. 23. 10:32.

Sixthly, There was a speciall Society erected, not onely in Rome, but likewise here in England, intituled, *The Congregation of Propagating the Faith*, consisting of foure Orders of most desperate active English and Scottish Iesuites, residing in London; of which Society, *The Pope himselfe was the head*, and Cardinall Barbarino his chiefe substitute. And for the better advancement of this Romish design, to undermine the Protestant Religion, and set up Popery in all the Kings Dominions; there was an Agent sent from the King and Queen to lie Leager at Rome (one Hamilton a Scottish Papist) and a speciall Nuncio sent over into England from the Pope, to wit, one Seigneour Georgio Con, a Scot, who kept his Residence here in London, and was President of this new erected *Congregation of Iesuites*; which held a constant Councell once or twice each week, had weekly dispatches to and from Rome, yea, continuall free access to the King and his Court, to seduce both the King and his People; as you may read more at large in *Romes Master-Piece*, the *English Pope*, and *The Popes Briefe*.

Seventhly, All Informers against Priests, Iesuites, Papists, were discountenanced, menaced, and many of them imprisoned, by Secretary Windebanke their Pentioner, who not only released sundry Priests and Iesuites by his Warrants, (as you heard before) but even by word of mouth, prohibited the Officers of Iustice to apprehend them; and imprisoned one Robert Horward Vnder-Sheriffe of Southampton, upon a pretence that he had proceeded against some Popish Recusants upon the Kings Writ directed to him to seise their Lands, and Goods, contrary to his Letters of Countermaund (though its true he proceeded not) till he enforced him by his Popish Secretary Read, to enter into a bond of one hundred pounds to Henry Lord, a Papist, never to prosecute Popish Recusants more, ere he would release him: All which was attested by Horward and others in the Commons House this Parliament, as you may see in the Journall Book of the House 11, 12, 20. Novemb. and in Mr. Glynnes

Report

Who would admit none livings or the Ministry, but such who must first subscribe, That the Church of Rome is a true Church, That it is lawfull to bow to altars, That all baptized infants are truly regenerated and certainly saved if they dy, That Bishops are *in re Divino*, That Ministers power to remit sins is not merely declarative.

* See Master Whites first Century.

(a) Bernardinus de Bussi. Marial. Pars 3, Ser. 3. exce. 4 pars 9. Ser. 2. Gabriel Biel in Canone Missæ Lect. 8c. Ioannes Gerson. Tract. 4. Super magnificat. Ribadeniera. Fleurs des vies des Saints. Feste de l'Assomption Nostre Dame Anselmus Cant. De Laud. Marie, and others.

Report entered therein, 1 Decemb. 1640. On the contrary, most of the painfull Orthodox Protestant Ministers; Gentlemen and others throughout the Realme were disgraced, persecuted, silenced, fined, imprisoned, banished, and thousands of them enforced to flee the Realme, by the tyrannicall unjust proceedings against them in the High-Commission, Starre-Chamber, Councell-Chamber, Bishops Consistories, and Visitation Courts: the Printing Presses were also shut up against all Books in refutation of Popery, and opened to all Impressions in defence or propagation thereof: Popish Doctrines, Superstitions openly maintained, preached in Our Vniversities, Cathedrals, Diocesses, Churches, Chappels, (especially at Court) Lectures suppressed, and none but such as were Popishly affected, advanced to Bishopricks, Deaneries, Ecclesiasticall Preferments, or admitted into the Ministry, by our * Bishops.

Eightly, In pursuance of this design, his Majesties greatest Favourites, and those in highest authority under him, were all either actuall Papists in profession, or well inclined to Popery in affection, & altogether swayed by popish Councels: witnesse the first *Grand Favourite*, the Duke of Buckingham, who laid the foundation of the Spanish and French Marriage-Treaties, Articles, and was a chiefe Actor in both; swayed wholly by his Jesuited Mother, and Dutchesse, professed Papists, and their Cabinet councill of Jesuites; by whose Treachery *Rechel* was lost. The great Lord Treasurer *Weston* steered by his Popish Countesse, kindred, Sir *Toby Mathews*, Sir *Basil Brook*, and other Papists, while he lived, and reconciled to the Church of Rome, receiving extreame Unction and Absolution from the Popish priests and Capuchins, when he died. Besides these they had *Windebank* a popish Secretary of his Majesties Cabinet Councell for their Intelligencer, Patron, Protector, Liberator, Assistant; the Earle of *Arundel*, and other friends in his Privie Councell, *Endymion Porter* in his Bed-Chamber, with many other Agents of all sorts, all Sexes in his Court, mentioned in *Romes Master-Piece*, to further their design in the State: The Arch-bishop of *Canterbury*, *Wren*, *Montague*, *Cozens*, with many other Prelates and * Priests to introduce, establish their Popish Doctrines, Ceremonies, Superstitions in the Church of *England*; the great Lord *Strafford* Lieutenant of *Ireland*, with sundry others in that Realme, to countenance and protect them in *Ireland*, where they had absolute toleration, yea, open profession of their Religion: And which was *instar omnium*, they had *Queen Mary* her selfe in the Kings own bed and bosome for their most powerfull Mediatrix, of whom they might really affirme in reference to his Majesty, what some of their popish (a) Doctors have most blasphemously written of the Virgin *Mary* in relation to God and Christ, That all things are subject to the command of *Mary*, even God himselfe: That she is the *Empresse and Queen of Heaven*, and of greatest Authority in the Kingdome of Heaven, where shee may not only impetrate but command whatsoever shee pleaseth; That shee sitteth as *Chanceller* in the Court of Heaven, and giveth Letters of Grace and Mercy to whom shee pleaseth: That shee is the *Fountaine*, *Treasurer* and *Dispenser* of all Gods Graces, Favours; the very neck and conduit-pipe through which they are all conveyed: That God hath freely bestowed on her the better halse of his Kingdome, to wit, all his mercy, reserving only his Justice to himselfe, yet so subject to her restraints; That if any (Roman Catholike) doth finde himselfe aggrieved in the Court of Gods (or the Kings) Justice, (for being prosecuted for his Recusancy or seducing the Kings people) he may safely appeale to *Maries* Court of mercy for reliefe, shee being the Throne of Grace,

of which the Apostle speaks, Hebr. 4. 16. *Let us go boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that wee (Catholikes) may receive (from her) grace to helpe us in time of need:* And to further this Catholike work more effectually, the Queen Mother must be sent over into *England*, to contribute her assistance to the Catholike party here, which she had so much assisted in *France*, and forraign parts. No wonder then if the designe succeeded, prevailed so much of late, since assisted, promoted by so many powerfull active agents.

9. By vertue of the former Articles and Oaths, all the Parliaments during his Majesties raigne till now, urging the execution of old Lawes against *Recusants, Priests, Iesuites*, and endeavouring to make new stricter acts against them, have (contrary to the practice of all former ages,) been broken up and dissolved in discontent; And to crosse their execution of *Priests* and *Iesuites* in a politicke Pleasing covert way, divers Proclamations have been published every Parliament, to banish them the Realm by a set day; after which, if they departed not, they should be executed, which the common people, and plaine honest-minded Parliament men conceived, to be done out of rigour and justice against them, and so rested satisfied with these Proclamations onely, which in truth, were meere policies to free the imprisoned Priests and Iesuites out of prison, under pretext of sending them away, and to stay all proceedings against them, whilst the Parliaments sate, by allowing them so many weeks respite to depart the Realme, before which the Parliaments commonly were dissolved: and so by this policie were secured, enlarged to do more mischief, and either departed not at all, or returned presently againe into *England* as soon as the Parliaments ended, as the premisses and experience manifest.

10. By meanes of these Articles, proceedings of the Papists, Priests and Iesuites have grown so stupendiously powerfull, as during the late *Scottish* troubles, to hold a Parliament, and generall Councell of State among themselves, even in *London*, wherein not the King, but the Popes own *Nuntio* sate President: in which Parliament the chief Papists out of all parts of *England* and *Wales* assembled, and made severall Lawes and Ordinances for imposing taxes, and raising monies upon all Roman Catholiques, for maintenance of the *Scottish* wars, which were seconded with the Queens own Letters and Instructions to the *Catholikes*, reciting, *What great liberties and favours her Highnesse had procured for them from his Majesty; and exciting them to a most liberrall contribution toward these wars, because the maintaining thereof, concerned them not onely as they were Subjects, BUT AS THEY WERE ROMAN CATHOLIKES TOO.* The verity of which Popish Parliament, orders, instructions, taxes, was fully proved and manifested before a speciall Committee of the Commons House specially appointed for *Recusants*, and their *Popish Nuncio*, Novemb. 9. 1640. and at other dayes of meeting in that and the following moneths, both by the orders, letters and instructions themselves, and the examinations of Sir *Kenelm Digby*, and many other Popish Knights, chief actors in that Parliament, now remaining in the safe custody of Master *Raynolds* then Chaire-man. And were not the Papists then, think you, growne to an extraordinary exorbitant power, and the Pope revested in his long exploded usurped supremacie in our Realme; when they should thus be permitted to hold and keepe a Parliament without interruption, when the Protestants and Kingdome might hold none at all, or at least one presently dissolved in dis-

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content, and the Popes owne *Nuncio* fit Lord President to rule the roſt, when they ſhould be thus openly tolerated to hold a Parliament, both to make and maintaine a warre againſt the religious Proteſtant Subjects, even with the Kings owne actuall conſent, as is cleare by his forementioned answer under his owne hand to Maſter *Pulford's* Petition, where he not onely takes notice of theſe contributions granted him by the Papifts, but makes them the ground of his ſtay of all proceedings againſt them upon penall Lawes? And that theſe *Scottiſh* wars were then raiſed by them, to get the King into their power, and extirpate the Proteſtant Religion, is evident, not only by the plot detected in *Romes Maſter-piece*, found in the Archbiſhops chamber, and the obſervations on it, but likewise by a little *Engliſh Booke* then published in print by the Ieſuites, intituled, *The Iubilee of the Ieſuites*, one copie whereof, *Thomas Chaude* receiving from a woman-papiſt in *Redriffe*, delivered it to Sheriffe *Warner*, which he attested in the Houſe of Commons, *Novemb. 14. 1640.* as the journall records: in which booke there was this obſervable Paſſage: *That the Papifts ſhould fiſh in troubled waters, whileſt the King was ingaged in the wars with the Scots*; with ſome prayers for their good ſucceſſe; and for THE HOLY MARTYRS THAT SUFFERED IN THE FLEET SENT AGAINST THE HERETIKES OF ENGLAND 1639. By which among other circumſtances, it is evident, that not onely the *Scottiſh* war was plotted, maintained by the Papifts, but that the *Spaniſh* fleet then happily encountered and vanquiſhed by the *Hollanders* on our coaſts, during theſe troubles, was directly deſigned againſt the Proteſtants in *England*, by the Popiſh party here, with whom they were to joyne, to cut both the *Engliſh* and *Scottiſh* Proteſtants throats, when all the powder of the Realme, and the traine bands armes in moſt Counties were ingroſſed into his Maſtities hands, and they thus encountering one the other; which plot, the unexpected pacification, with the *Scots*, and *Holland* fleet moſt happily prevented. And in truth, the improbability of any other likely deſigne; our harbour and ſuccour of them from the *Dutch* Fleet in the *Downes*, our ſupplying of them with men, victualls, ammunition, our guarding them with our ſhips againſt the *Hollanders* more then was meet, our hindering the *Hollanders* to burne their ſhips, which ran upon our ſhore, the confeſſion of an *Engliſh man* in that Fleet upon his death-bed, out of remorse of conſcience, (when he was brought on ſhore wounded in the firſt encounter with the *Hollanders*) that this Fleet was deſigned for *England*; the ſpeeches of ſome Papifts, that they expected this Navie here about that time; the landing of many hundred *Spaniſh* ſouldiers at *Plimmouth* in *Engliſh* Ships, but a weeke or two before this Fleet arrived on our coaſts, upon pretence to transport them thence by land towards *Flaunders*, (deſigned, as ſome then feared, to ſurpriſe *Plimmouth*;) the Lord *Portlands* ſudden journey to the Iſle of *Wight*, whereof he was Governour, with the Lord *Wentworth*, Col. *Goring*, and others, where they ſhot away all the powder in the Caſtles, (and their clothes too) in drinking healths in a moſt Bacchanalian frantick manner, juſt when the *Spaniſh* Fleet was before that Iſle, to the end they might the eaſier ſurpriſe it, when they had no powder to reſiſt them, (as ſome wiſe men then conjectured,) are more then probable arguments, that this Fleet was deſtinated for *England*, to extirpate the Proteſtant party; and that by the deſperate confederacy of the predominant Popiſh faction, and their great Pa-

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triot here, who procured them so much favour and protection from us against the *Hollanders*, and would never permit this mysterie of iniquity to be thoroughly examined. No wonder therefore, if we see the *Popish Rebels* brought over into *England*, to murder *Protestants* now, since the *Spanyards* were thus designed, (as is more then probable) for that purpose then: And whether we may not feare the like designe from *France*, I leave to the grand Councill of the Kingdome to consider.

11. Those *Articles*, I doubt, have beene the true cause of the late rebellion in *Ireland*, and the massacres there; of all his Majesties favours to these rebels, of the late pacification *Articles* granted to them; of his Majesties departing from, taking up armes, arming all *English* Papists, and sending for *Popish Irish* rebels into *England*, to fight against the Parliament, and of his siding with, relying on the *Popish* party, to whom he is obliged to adhere, and so ingaged against the Parliament, for feare they should execute all old, and make new Lawes against *Recusants*, contrary to his premised Oaths, and *Articles*.

12. Wee may hence assure our selves, that wee can never have any reall pacification with the King and his *Popish* party, without a toleration of their religion, and a suspension, or repeale of all Lawes against them, according to the preceeding *Articles*; and in case his Majestie should prevaile against the Parliament, we must expect an absolute establishing of Popery, and suppression both of the Protestant party and Religion. Yea, seeing *His Maiestie is both by Oath and Articles, not to endeavour by any means at all, to withdraw the Queen from the profession of the Romish Religion*; whereas she on the other side, is left free, by all meanes and arts that may be, to withdraw the King from the Protestant Religion to her owne, and his children too: Wee have great cause to feare (if *Adams, Solomons, or Ahabs* seducements by their wives be duly pondered) that his Majesty, (now wholly alienated from his Parliament, and best Protestant Subjects, by the Queen and popish Counsellors, and resigning himselfe up to the Councils, Armies, Forces, Guard of his *Roman Catholike Subjects*, who have the custody both of his person, and next heires apparant to his Crownes,) may ere long be seduced to their Religion, as well as to their party; especially, since he hath been informed, That they have a poysoned Fig reserved for him, in case he should refuse it; as is more amply manifested in *Romes Master-piece*.

The next Authority of note, which I then intended to publish, was this notable Passage of *N. Le Maistre*, a Sorbon Priest, in his *Instauratio Antiqui Episcoporum Principatus: Parisiis 1633. Cum privilegio Regis, & approbatione Doctorum*. (dedicated to all *Cardinalls, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests and Clergie* of the Church of *France*) *Lib. 2. p. 273. to 83. cap. 15.* Thus intituled: *Corollarium libri secundi; Vbi nonnulla de persecutione Episcoporum, & de Illustrissimo Antistite Calcedonensi.* For the clearer understanding of which Passage, I must prefix this Prologue; After the death of *William* Bishop of *Calcedon* in *England*, most of the *English* secular Priests, together with the *Benedictines*, for the advancement of the *Romish Catholike Religion*, became suitors to the Pope and his Conclave, to have one or more *Popish Bishops*, created by the Popes to be sent over into *England*, to ordaine Priests, give confirmation, and exercise *Episcopall jurisdiction* there; The Regular Priests, and some others here, did stisfly oppose this design; but the *Episcopall* Secular and *Benedictine* party prevailing, Pope *Urban* by his speciall Bull, bearing date, the 4. of

* See the Popes Briefs.

* See my Catalogue of Testimonies in all Ages, to prove the Parity, and Identity of Bishops and Presbyters. The 3. Squadron.

August, An. 1625. (which I finde printed in *Censura propositionum quarundam, &c. per facultatem Theologia Parisiensis facta, Parisiis, 1635. p. 63. 64, 65.*) created * Richard Smith Bishop of Calcedon, and sent him over into England, to exercise Episcopall jurisdiction, and to be superintendent over the Priests within the English Dominions, according to the tenor of his Bull; hereupon * Nicholas Smith, Daniel a Iesu Herman Lomelius, and other Regular Priests, writ divers printed Treatises against Episcopacie, and the inconvenience of having a Bishop in England; whose books were referred to the Examination of the faculty of Paris, and there censured, An. 1630. in the forecited Censure, &c. the Sponge of which Censure, written by Herman Lomelius, was answered by Le Maistre; and withall, they raised up such a faction and persecution against this their new Bishop of Calcedon in England, and Ireland among the Popish party, that they chased and banished him out of England into France, where he was entertained by Cardinall Richelleiu. Upon this occasion Le Maistre thus writes in his Defence, and prints the insuing Letter of Rudesindus Barlo, President of the Benedictine English Monkes, in these very termes:

* *Nunc verò Episcopum, &c.* But now they see the Bishop of Calcedon, shining on every side round about, with the splendor of Vertue, by whose amiable light and prudence, if the tempest should become more hard, it might have been asswaged and calmed; I say, the Bishop of Calcedon, greatly desired by the people, coming FROM THE POPE, most humanely entertained by Christians, not grievous to the enemies of our Faith, some enflamed with private hatreds and grudges, have expelled, have suborned secret accusers and Sycophants, as if themselves would urge and imitate an OVERMUCH REMITTED PERSECUTION, who cease not to complain of the grievousnesse of persecution. You (will you that I should speake) have made, you have raised a persecution; neither hath Religion ever suffered under a more grievous evill, then by impiety, cloaked under the colours of a religious fruit: For what was there, that might provoke your gall against so great a man, unlesse you purposed to execrate honesty, sanctity, modesty, courtesie, wisdom, with the most filthy kindes of enmities? Unlesse, like the Syberites, you scatter reproaches against the Sunne, and indure not the light of so great innocence, which no man ever ought to shun, but he who would not imitate it?

* Now all France is overflowed with greatest indignation against your madnesse, from which, since so many mischiefs have proceeded, this one commodity accrues to behold and imbrace so great a man; so illustrious a Champion of the Gospell, so acceptable and lovely to our most eminent Duke and Cardinall; But in the meane time, the filthy patrocination of certaine Writers, may cease to draw clouds over your wickednesse: Did not Bishops heretofore carry divine books with them wheresoever they went, even whiles the persecution was vigorous, &c? Did they not, when driven into caves, hold assemblies, reforme Priests, performe holy duties, dispence sacred mysteries? What then forbids the same things, and others which are not of greater pompe to be performed in England; especially, WHERE THIS HEAT OF PERSECUTIONS HATH CEASED, THROUGH THE DIGNITY OF A MAGNANIMOUS KING; AND MOST INVINCIBLE PRINCE, BY THE BORBO-

‘BORBONIAN STAR WHICH HANGS OVER THESE
 ‘COUNTRIES IN A MOST DEARE WIFE : By which
 ‘STARS, AS BY THE DIOSCURI, PERADVENTURE
 ‘THE TEMPEST OF PERSECUTION WILL IN TIME
 ‘BE APPEASED, and THE GENEROUS PRINCE MAY
 ‘ACKNOWLEDGE THE SAME CHRIST, UNDER WHOM
 ‘HIS ANCESTORS HAVE SO GLORIOUSLY TRIUM-
 ‘PHED. But that it may appeare, by how many Votes the Bishop of *Chalce-*
 ‘*don* came desired into that Province, I subjoyne a Copie of a Letter, by which the
 ‘most noble Society of *Benedictines* earnestly required Doctor *Smith* to be given
 ‘to them for their *Bishop*, by the *Senate* of the *Church*. And hence it will appeare,
 ‘how deserved their pride may be condemned, who being but few in number, have
 ‘vexed the Bishop of *Chalcedon*, against the Votes of so great a Fraternity ; with
 ‘whom alone I am angry, when as in this worke, I complaine of the arrogancie
 ‘of certaine men, who call themselves *Monks* : For in others I am alwayes re-
 ‘solved to reverence Religion and Modesty.

The Letter of Father Rudesind, President of the English Bene-
dictines, to the sacred Congregation, consecrated to the PROPAGATION
OF THE FAITH, 12 Decemb. 1624.

‘**M**OST Illustrious, and most reverend Lords, of the most ancient Senate of
 ‘the Catholique Church ; peradventure we doe a new thing, and hitherto
 ‘unaccustomed ; yet (as we hope) neither ingratefull, nor unpleasant to your piety,
 ‘Monks endeavouring to promote the cause of secular Priests ; although truly how-
 ‘soever the abusive speech of the vulgar distinguisheth the Clergie from the Regu-
 ‘lars ; as if the Secular Priests only should constitute the Clergie, but the Regu-
 ‘lars should by no means belong to the Body of the Clergie ; yet wee *Benedictines*
 ‘were alwayes of a far other opinion, esteeming even our selves to be some part of
 ‘the Clergie, although not a ruling part, yet an assisting part, out of the most an-
 ‘cient priviledges of the Sea Apostolike ; wee doe not therefore a thing diffe-
 ‘rent from our Profession, if wee suffer together in the difficulties of THE
 ‘ENGLISH CLERGIE, since we judge the same in part to extend unto
 ‘our selves : verily we should not deserve to be under Christ the head of the Cler-
 ‘gie, if we should not suffer together with the Body, especially with the Body of the
 ‘ENGLISH CLERGIE, of which we remember the greatest part by far in
 ‘the Primitive Church of the *English*, to have been of our Fathers the Monks of
 ‘Saint *Benedict*.

‘For that conjunction and participation therefore, which our Body hath alwayes
 ‘had in *England* with the Secular Clergie, presuming (most illustrious men) of your
 ‘benignities to the assistance of the said troubled Clergie, we have thought wee
 ‘ought to occurre according to our severall abilities ; not as ambitiously seeking any
 ‘authority among them, but as those who judge, that even our tranquility doth de-
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pend on their quietnesse. For we most truly judge, that it is the onely method of Peace and concord, that to every Order may be attributed what is its owne, that due honour and authority may be rendred to the Clergy, and their Priviledges may be preserved inviolable to the Regulars. Hence is it, that under the best and most prudent old man of pious memory, Doctor *William Bishop*, THE MOST REVEREND ORDINARY OF ENGLAND, and Bishop of *Calcedon*, the pious foundations of an wholesome concord were laid betweene the *Seculars* and *Regulars*, THE WORKE-MEN OF THE MISSION; we *Benedictines* agreeing, (the Venerable Bishop himselfe exhorting and proposing) upon certaine necessary Articles of Ecclesiasticall Discipline; whence without doubt it would have come to passe, that the other Regulars following our example, would have consented to the same Articles, and a most joyfull face of mutuall peace and love in the whole Clergy of *England* would have shined forth; but by the death of the holy Bishop intervening, (to him verily mature by reason of his long age, but to us very unseasonable, by reason of the beginnings of peace not yet confirmed) these our endeavours lye in a manner intercepted, and by meanes of the long delay of granting a successor Bishop, almost quite dead.

For we have received (not without great dolor of minde) from two chiefe men, Master *Matthew Kellison*, and Master *Richard Smith*, ancient Priests, and old Doctors of Divinity, who among others were nominated to our most Holy Lord, to undergoe the *Episcopall charge*, that many things are objected by some, onely out of a shew of the zeale of God, but in truth out of a hope of retarding that businesse, then which there is none more necessary for the advancement of Religion, and Piety in *England*, Wherefore I deemed it appertained to the office of fraternall charity, and to the zeale which I owe to Gods glory, that I, who unworthy preside over a great part of the Regular Priests in the ENGLISH Mission. FOR WEE RECKON ABOVE SIXTY BENEDICTINE MONKES IN ENGLAND, SVBIECT TO OVR CONGREGATION (AND WE PREPARE FARRE MORE IN OVR COVENTS TO THE FUNCTIONS OF MISSION,) that I might give testimony to the Truth, and to the innocency and credit of the said Priests. I therefore humbly and sincerely signify to your most Illustrious Lordships, that the said Venerable Priests, Dr. *Matthew Kellison*, and Doctor *Richard Smith*, have been now very familiar known both to me, and to the other brethren of our congregation, by the conversation and experience of many yeares, and that their manners are very well discerned by us. Therefore, before God I testifie, that they, both by us, and ALMOST BY ALL THE CATHOLIKES IN ENGLAND are had in so great veneration; whether wee respect their integrity of life, or excellency of learning, that we suppose there cannot easily be found their Peeres, much lesse their superiours in all the Clergy of *England*, whether Regular, or secular. And truly the glory of both their learning is sufficiently knowne to the Catholike world, by the most learned Bookes, set forth by both of them against Hereticks, in *Latin* and *English*, but to us it is more specially knowne, who have knowne both of them to have a long time governed the Chaire with great praise of learning, as well in *Phylosophy* as in *Theology*; and we know that Dr. *Kellison* was chiefe Professor of Divinity for many yeares in

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the Vniversity of *Rhemes*, and that Doctor *Richard Smith* was first conjoynd in the society of Studies, to the most learned Bishop of *Lussion*, now Cardinall of *Richelieu*. And concerning the integrity of both their lives, we can say, (seeing both of them are familiar to us and our Brethren by their almost daily conversation,) that we never yet knew any thing in their manners, which might not beseeme grave Bishops, yea that we have alwaies found so great gravity, meekenesse and devotion in them, as that wee may deservedly rejoyce; we have been conjoynd to them in a most firme amity for many yeares. And this our testimony concerning them, is so much the more worthy of acceptation, that whereas we are of that order of Monkes, who had the chiefe power heretofore in *England*, who had eleaven Bishopricks in their power, and the Regiment of Cathedrall Churches, computing also the *Arch-Bishopricke of Canterbury*, if we would doe after the manner of men, it is more likely for the desire of ancient power, we would rather resist the secular Clergy as emulous, than give assistance to them. But wee emulating the humanity and sincerity of our Fathers, and seeking the glory of Christ, not our owne honour, desire the quiet, profit, and encrease of the secular Clergy, as much as our owne tranquility. Therefore we onely affirme, that these things which wee have testified of the fore-named Doctors, are so manifestly knowne to all good men in OVR ENGLAND, that verily they may suffer a great scandal, whosoever shall dare irreverently to back-bite the said Priests of Christ before your tribunall.

Therefore we *Benedictines*, your humble Servants and Sonnes, beseech you, that rejecting their accusations (who denigrate the fame of the best Priests, onely that themselves alone in a Clergy without an head, may shine as it were by an Anteperistitis, that they may seeme Hierarchicall, and by a division of mindes in the Clergy, may thinke that the best way to greatnesse lyeth open to them,) you would be pleased TO GRANT A BISHOP TO OVR ENGLAND, seeing that no Province of the Catholike world hath more neede of one, Whether we respect the necessity of the Sacrament of confirmation, whose frequent ministrations by the Reverend Bishop of *Calcedon*, hath wonderfully erected the minds of our Catholikes, or the concord & dignity of the Clergy, and the observance of Ecclesiasticall Discipline, which seemes by no means to be able to be preserved without Episcopall Authority: NEITHER IS IT TO BE DOUBTED (for we have already scene the GOOD SVCCESSE VNDER THE FIRST BISHOP) that ANOTHER BISHOP BEING CONSTITVTED, you WOULD BEHOLD MORE IOY-FVLL FRVITES WITHIN ONE TWO YEARES IN THE ENGLISH MISSION, THEN HITHERTO YOU HAVE BEHOLD FOR SIXTY YEARES NOW ELAPSED THERE BEING NO BISHOP IN THE SAME. Neither ought the Religious to feare, least Episcopall Authority should be burthensome to them, for the Authority instituted by Christ can hurt none who is truly a Christian: and wee see not why the *Regulars* with their priviledges, given them by the Apostolike See for most just Reasons, may not as happily agree with a Bishop and secular Clergy in the English Mission, as well as we see they every where doe out of *England*, especially seeing a forme is already affected, at least by us, who by the exhortation

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‘ exhortation of the most Reverend Bishop of *Calcedon*, conspire in the best concord with the secular Clergie, and in the observance of a uniforme Discipline, saving our priviledges : And whosoever at last is to be Bishop, but especially if he shall be one of the two here named (whom we know to be very friendly to the *Regulars*) we doubt not, but that the same sweetnesse of concord, and conformity of Discipline will be continued, God directing the endeavours of us all.

‘ These things (most illustrious *Cardinals*, Patrons, to be especially observed) I have, which in the name of my selfe, and of the whole congregation, I would humbly professe in the cause, and for the cause of our secular Clergie of *England*; it remaineth that I should earnestly request your most illustrious *Lordships*, most gratefully to accept of this my service, and that you would vouchsafe by your Authority to foster and corroborate our Congregation, (*which neither yeelds, nor will ever yeeld to any Society or Congregation in true observance towards the See Apostolike*. Now the God of glory, and our Lord Iesus, blesse your Lordship with perpetuall safety, to the comfort and honour of his Church. From the Covent of Saint *Gregory* of the *Benedictines* at *Doway* in *Flanders*, the twelfth of December, 1624.

The most humble Servant and unworthy Sonne of your most illustrious Honours;

F. *Rudesindus Barlo*, President of the ENGLISH CONGREGATION of the Order of Saint Benedict.

BY which passage and Letter it is most apparant : That the Kings match with the Queen was both in design and event, the greatest means to advance *Popery* in *England*, to suspend the Laws & proceeding against Popish Priests and Monks; and to reduce both the King and Prince to the entertaining and professing of the Roman Catholike Faith; as *Le Maistre* his words assure us: and this the *Articles* of agreement made and sworn to by the King, upon the marriage with the Queen, confirme. What power these *Benedictine* Monks have gained in *England* since this letter, appears by the *Popes* new printed *Briefe* directed to them, and by this memorable story. Anno 1634. *Lewes Cooke* Generall of the *Benedictines* dying without issue at Temple Cowly in *Oxfordshire*, where he had Purchased divers lands and goods; his brother a Civillian in *Ireland* hearing of it, comes over and claimes his lands as heire, his goods as Administrator to him: the *Benedictines* withstood his claime to both, alleadging, that he purchased both goods and Lands with the mony of the Order, and for their use and maintenance onely. And by Sir *William Howard*, and their Court friend there, made such a strong party against the heire, that despairing of his own right, he made his addresses to Sir *John Bankes* the Kings Attorney, and procures a Commission of inquiry, with a Fiat under his hand, dated 2. January 1635. to intitle the King to the Lands and goods, as a mortmain purchased to the use of these Monks; whereupon they compounded with the heire, and gave him 300, l. as I am credibly informed by Mr *Bernard*, who drew the commission, wherupon it proceeded no further.

‘ I shall conclude, with the testimony of two *English Iesuites*, which I fitted for the Presse, An. 1636. in this ensuing peice, sent lately to me by a friend, who preserved it beyond my expectation, as if Gods providence had reserved it to accompany the Premises.

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The Iesuits Looking-glasse:

OR,

The testimony of two late Priests and Iesuits
touching the present condition of the Church of
England, and the greatest swaying
Prelates thereof.



Christian Reader, it is *Aquinas* his observation, that from the time * In Gen. 6.

Bishops were indowed with worldly honours, offices, riches,
power, and great temporall possessions (*the very bane and poison of*
the Church, as (b) Authors stile them) *EX TUNC exorti sunt* (b) *Marius de*
in Ecclesia Gigantes, in magnis & mirabilibus supra se ambulantes, *Schismate l. 4.*
qui potius videntur Reges vel Marchiones, quam Episcopi: what *Polychron. li. 4.*

good fruits their Lordly Princely pompe and greatnesse produced, the same Au-
thor presently subjoynes: *Et ideo non mirum si per eos erigatur STATUA BABEL*
BY LONIS, & terrena civitas dilatetur: And therefore (saith he) *it is no wonder,*
if the image and tower of spirituall Babel be erected by them, and the terrene City of
Romish Babel enlarged. This being an experimentall verity in *Aquinas* his age, it
makes me the lesse to wonder at the present industry and practice of our Lordly
Prelates, who following the footsteps of their Pontificall Predecessors, bend all their
force and power to re-erect the long since demolished Tower of Romish Babel among
us, and enlarge this earthly City, though with the utter ruine of our established Reli-
gion (the thing that first advanced them to their Lordly dignities) which they now
most ungratefully requite. This desperate confused Babel-plot of theirs, long smo-
thered from the vulgars knowledge, is now palpably discovered to the publike view
of all men, not onely by the Towers, Statues, and walls of Babel (to wit, high Al-
tars, Crucifixes, Images, Altar-clothes, Tapers, Basons, &c.) lately erected in most
Churches (especially Cathedrals) by these Lordly Babel-builders, but likewise by
their fellow-labourers, and confederates in this plot and structure, to wit, Popish priests
and Iesuits: who now over-joyed with the towardly forwardnesse and maturity of
this their cuside, begin in printed Bookes to glory of it, for the better encourage-
ment and increase of their Roman Catholike faction; and being privy both to their
Lordships *bosome counsels and secrets* (which ordinary poore Protestants are alto-
gether ignorant of) thinke all now so cock sure on their party; that they begin to
divulge in print our Prelates secret aymes and popish designs; yea, to discover and
magnifie those Statues and walls of Babel, which their Lordships have already set
up in our Church.

Take but two late instances in stead of many, as a most bright Chrystall Looking-glasse, wherein you may exactly behold their Lordships *Romish* faces and actions, without prejudice or partiality; no *Puritans* having more lively and truly reflected their true *pourtraictures* or shadows, then these *Romish* Opticks have done.

The first booke I shall instance in, is intituled, *A direction to be observed by N.N.* written by an English Priest or Jesuite (yea, printed here in *England* in our mother tongue, to the end we might all take notice of it) since *Midsomer* last. In the 14. page he highly applauds the now *Archbishop* of *Canterbury*, for prohibiting and suppressing *Bookes* in defence of our *Protestant Religion* (which he there termes *Socinianisme*) in these words: *Although I ought not to dissemble, he Doe gladly acknowledge, and deservedly publish on this occasion, for a patterne for others in this Realme, the care of the highest Prelate in England* (in place, grace, favour and authority, not in stature) *in prohibiting the sale* (much more then the printing and importing of books tending to *Socinianisme*, which page 16. he exprelly defines and interprets to be nought else, but *Protestantisme*. O happy *Prelate*, to merit so great *Laud* from a *Jesuits* quill, as to be prescribed as a patterne of imitation to other *Roman Catholikes* and *Bishops* to follow! having now so farre cut-stripped them in their owne *Jesuiticall practises* and stratagems, to suppress and undermine our Religion, that he even runs before them as a patterne worthy their imitation. But stops this *Jesuit* here? No, for pag. 21, 22. he thus proceeds. *And to speake the truth, what learned judicious man can after impartial examination, embrace Protestantisme, which now wareth weary of it selfe? Its Professors, they especially of greatest worth, learning and authority* (and who are they but our great *Achbishops*, *Bishops*, and their Heirs apparent?) *declare themselves* (you may see now they are past feare, shame, and scorne to keepe counsell any longer) *to love temper and moderation. Allow of many things which some yeres agoe were usually condemned as superstitious and Antichristian: and are at this time* (such strong steady pillars, and grounded Fathers of our Church, or rather *Romish* brothers are their Lordships) *more unresolved where to fallten* (unlesse with *Rome*) *then in the infancy of their Church.* (For proote of which he gives us this experimental undeniable demonstration.) *For doe not the Protestant Church's beginne to loze with another face? their walls to speake* (to wit, by late erected images, *Crucifixes*, *Laymens Books*) *with another language? their preachers to use a sweeter tone?* (that is, to applaud, not declaime against popery and popish writers:) *their annuall publike tenets in the Universty, to be of another stile and matter?* (to wit, for, not against Popery:) *Their Books to appeare with Titles and* Arguments, as Shelfords, Reeves, Pocklingtons. A coale from the Altar. and others)* which once would have caused much scandall among the brethren? *their doctrine to be altered in many things, and even in those very points* (marke it well) *for which their progenitors forsooke the then visible Church of Christ?* (and is it any wonder then that many hundreds forsake and separate from our Church now?) *Their thirty nine Articles, the summe, the confession, and almost the Creed of their faith are patient? Patient: that is, they are ambitious of some sense wherein they may seeme to be Catholike:* (that is, of that *Romish* contradictory sence which *Franciscus de Sancta Clara* thrice printed, as they say, in *England*, and presented by a great *Prelate* to his Majesty, hath put upon them.) *To alleadge wife and children in these dayes, is but a weak plea for a married Minister to compasse a Benefice:*

*For example:
The Pope not
Antichrist:
Prayer for the
dead: Limbus
Patrum. Pi-
ctures: Cru-
cifixes, Altars
to be used and
adored: Auri-
cular confessi-
on: Tran-
substantiati-
on: Free-
will: Predesti-
nation: univer-
fall grace: that
all our works
are not finnes:
Merit of good
works: inhe-
rent Justice:
Faith alone
doth nor justifi-
fie: Charity is
to be preferred
before know-
ledge: Traditi-
ons: Coun-
cels: The Law
p. sible to be
kepr, &c.

nesice: *Fiery Calvinisme*, once a darling in England, is at length accounted *Heresie*, yea and a little lesse then *Treason* (as the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and the other Prelates judged in their sentence of Doctor *Bastwicke*, where they much railed upon worthy *Calvin*, whose bookes they are unworthy to beare.) Men in word and writing (to wit. in their Sermons and printed books) use willingly the once fearfull names of *Priests* and *Altars*: (I would *Richard Shelford Priett*, and *John Squire Priett*, with their new fraternity of *Priests*, would consider this, and thoe that preach and write for *Altars*.) Nay, if one doe but mutter against the placing of the *Altar* after the old fashion, for a warning, he shall be well warmed with (d) *A coale from the Altar*. English Protestants are (e) now put in minde, that for Exposition of Scripture, by *Canon* (f) they are bound to follow the ancient *Fathers*. And to conclude all in one maine point. The Protestant Church in England (of whom the premises are spoken) professeth so small antiquity and so weake subsistence in it selfe, that they acknowledge no other visible being for many ages, but in the Church of *Rome*. Thus and much more this *Iesuit*, from his owne experimentall observation and reading.

Now well fare thy heart good honest plain-dealing *Iesuit*, for giving us such a lively Character and representation of the present face of our Church, and praedises of our Lordly Prelates that are of greatest Authority; and this thy timely discovery of their *Graces Romish designs, proceedings, Apostacies*, for which all England shall con thee thanks. Had any *Puritan* or *Protestant* writ or muttered half so much, against these great Lordly Prelates (as appeares by the late handling of worthy *M. Burton**) he had been haled by head and eares out of his house, committed close prisoner, suspended, persecuted with all violence, complained of to his Majesty as a *seditions, factious, rebellious person, persvanted, pilloryed, condemned for a Scandalum Magnatum* long ere this, and made a publike *spectacle unto the world, unto men, and unto angels. But thou being a *bird of their owne feather*, one of their owne fraternity, confederacy, applauding, not condemning these their courses and proceedings, shalt escape scotfree without feare or danger, and perchance have a good boone for thy pains ere long: So much safer and securer is it now, for any man to be a *Seminary Priest* or *Iesuit* in England (though therein a *Traitor by our Laws) then a faithfull Minister or painfull Preacher of the Gospel, rightly discharging his duty to God and the King. O times! O Lordly Prelates for the Popes owne tooth!

The second Booke I shall nominate, is inscribed, *Paraphrasticall and devout Discourses upon the Psalme, Miserere*, composed by *Ch. M.* (an English *Iesuit*, as it should seeme, who hath formerly written at *large of the *Masse* and *Transubstantiation*, the *Iesuits* badge standing in the front of the *Epistle to the Reader*) Anno 1635. approved by *George Colvenerius* Chancellour of the University of *Doway*, and Censor of Books, *Duaci* 30. *Martii* 1636. In the *Epistle to the Reader*, this *Iesuit* hath this remarkable passage: 'I have lived long out of my Country, and so know not who are the greater, who the lesser sinners; yet this I know in general, that there must needs be many and great sinners in England, because where there are many beleivers (as there are in England) there are many ill beleivers (true faith and beleefe being but one) and consequently many ill livers, true faith being the rule and square of good life, &c. Whereupon these my paraphrasticall Discourses, and pitifull lamentations of King *David*, I intend for all sin-

(d) A little booke so intituled, printed 1636.

(e) Sunday no Sabbath, printed 1636.

(f) Canons. 1571. Can. 19.

*For his God and the King.

*1 Cor. 4.9.

*27 Eliz. c. 21.

*So he writes p. 57.

* Rom. I.

ners, as well Catholics as not Catholics, and of whatsoever Religion; * I being a debter to all, and because I would have them all peruse these discourses, I abstaine from controversies in Religion, lest I should avert any from the reading of them: onely in paraphrasing the two last verses of this Psalm, occasion being offered, I speake of the unbloody and daily sacrifice of the Altar, but so, that I rather touch it, the handle it; mention it, then treat of it; suppose it, then prove it in that manner as I might; hoping that this Doctrine now, will not be distastfull: (and why so? marke it, I beseech you) for seeing that now in England in very many Churches, Altars, which heretofore were throwne downe, are againe erected (by whom, I pray, but by Lordly overswaying Prelates and their Creatures?) according to the laudable example and pious use and custome of the

* A falsehood:

for the primitive Church had NO ALTARS, as is largely and freely proved: in the Quench Coal in The holy Table, Name, and Thing, more anciently, properly, and literally used under the new Testament then that of an Altar. Written in answer to Dr. COAL (alias, A Coal from the Altar) printed for the Diocese of Lincoln 1636.

* One Knightly, a Popish Priest, directed how the new Altar at Coventry should be erected, according to the patterne of the popish Altars.

* See Mr. Burtons For God and the King.

Catholique (to wit the Roman) and even * primitive Church; to averre a true sacrifice will not be ill taken (to wit, by these Altar erecting Prelates and Priests of ours) because to allow of Altars (marke it) is to allow of a true sacrifice, which useth to be offered on them, an Altar and a true proper sacrifice being Correlatives, of which the one inferreth the other, and so the one cannot be averred without the other, nor the one denied without the other. Thus this Jesuit, almost two yeeres since, who might have said much more had he written now, we having many new Altars and Crucifixes since that erected in England, by those Prelates who bow downe devoutly to, if not adore them. See now at last what these great Prelates aime at in erecting Altars in our Churches, in raising and railing in our Tables Altarwise; this Jesuit plainly and truly informes us all, that their direct intention is, To usher in the unbloody daily sacrifice of the Altar, which to averre a Sacrifice, will not be now ill taken in England, seeing that now in England in very many Churches (then, but now in farre more) Altars, which heretofore were throwne downe, are againe erected, according to the Laudable * example and pious use and custome of the Catholike Church of Rome; yea, and many new Priests (as Richard Shelford Priest, with hundreds more who will now be called by no other name but Priests; I may adde Masse to it for distinction sake) are already prepared for this true Sacrifice, there being no other end or use of Priests and Altars but for Sacrifice; an Altar (yea a Priest) and a true and proper Sacrifice being correlatives, of which the one inferreth the other, and so the one cannot be averred (as it is now in printed Books and Sermons) without the other. This then being most apparent, let us be no longer deluded with flattering words and fond pretences; but assure our selves that these Court Priests and Prelates who now write and daily preach (even in his Majestyes royall presence, and elsewhere) for Altars, bowing to Altars, Crucifixes, Auricular Confession, bowing to the Name Jesus, and the like (the ordinary theams of most Court Sermons) have combined together with Masse-Priests and Jesuits, to bring in the unbloody Sacrifice of the Masse (the Epitome and maine part of Popery) into our Churches, and that very speedily, unlesse manfully resisted and exemplarily punished for this their execrable confederacy against our established Religion; since Altars, Priests, and all other appurtenances in most Cathedrals, Chappels, and Churches, are already fitted for it, as this Jesuit truly informs us.

If we now compare these passages of the Jesuits with the late * practises and Speeches of some of our great swaying Lord prelates, as namely their corrupting of the Common Prayer-booke for the fifth of November, to acquit Popery from the blame

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milk of Rebellion and Faction, and Papists from that execrable treason: their purging of the late Fast-booke, contrary to His Majesties Proclamation; to free Popery from the just imputation of Superstition and Idolatry; and justifie Fasting of it selfe to be a good worke and meritorious, without regard to the end thereof, (which the Archbishop of Canterbury, in his Speech in Star-chamber avoucheth to be his own act by speciall command from the King.) Their inhibiting all old English bookes to be reprinted, by a late Decree made in Star-chamber, unlesse reviewed, purged, from all passages against popery) and new-licenced by them and their Chaplaines. Their purging of divers passages against Masse, Altars, Masse-priests, Sacrifices of the Altar, &c. with other points of popery, out of divers bookes lately licenced for the Presse. Their setting up Altars, Images, Crucifies, railing in of Tables, and railing the ground under them Altar-wise, and then adoring and bowing down unto them like Heathenish or Romish-Idolaters; with other particulars specified by these Jesuits, mentioned at large by Mr. Henry Burton in his new printed *Appeale, and Sermon on the 5 of Novemb. last* truly entituled, *For God and the King*; to which I shall referre you; & justified by Richard Shelford Priest, Edmund Reeve, Dr. John Packinton, A coale from the Altar, Teddar, Dr. Laurence Brown, and others in their late printed bookes and Sermons; together with their publique Speeches in the High-commission in the late censure of Dr. Bastwicke (wherein* against all Laws, they were both enemies, witnesses, accusers, Judges, as that Court often is) for the divine authority of their Episcopall primacy; and in derogation of the Scriptures certainty, authority, related at large in his *Apologeticus*; the Speeches of Bishop White now prelate of Ely, and his now Arch-bishop of Canterbury in the later censure of Mr. Samuel Ward of Ipswich, where the first of them openly affirmed, *That Christ was in the Sacrament more then spiritually and by faith*: and the latter challenged all Divines to discover the *modus* or manner of his presence, and came up fully to Bishop Andrews his words, for which Mr. Ward was questioned, saying, *else it was impossible to answer the Fathers*; both of them in a manner maintaining a reall transubstantiation of the Bread and Wine; and determining point-blank against the 28 Article of our Church (which defines, that *Transubstantiation cannot be proved by holy Writ, but is repugnant to the plaine words of Scripture* overthroweth the nature of a Sacrament, and hath given occasion to many superstitions; *The body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten in the Supper* * *Onely after an heavenly and spirituall manner, and the meane whereby the body of Christ is received, and eaten in the Supper, is faith.*) With their High-commission speeches likewise in the severall censures of Mr. Smart, Mr. Workman, and Mr. Chancey, in defence of Images, Crucifixes, Altars, Tapers, Sanctum Sanctorum, bowing to Altars, and the like, point-blank against our Homilies against the perill of Idolatry, and others; and punishing them onely for preaching and maintaining the Doctrine of our Homilies, and Articles, against all late popish Innovations, (an insolency, a bold impiety not sufferable in our Christian Church and State, deterving the severest exemplary punishments:) All these, I say, compared with the Jesuits fore-cited passages, are a most pregnant, palpable, visible, convincing Demonstration, to all but such who will be wilfully blind; that these great Lordly Prelates resolved purpose, practise, designe, is speedily to set up the Pope and popery in our Church, and reconcile us once more to Rome, (as the * Cardinal of Canterbury, Poole, with other popish Prelates did in Queen Maries daies.) And therefore the Popes Holiness hath given these his Vice-popes instructions, *Commissims* thus

* Cum capitalis sit inimicus publicusque hostis, tamen in propria causa actor, testis & judex est, id quod nec apud Turcas, neque Sacenos, neque Samaritanos fieri solet. Eos qui fidem Caesari servant & Christo servatori nostro precipienti obtemperant, nec ullam aliam ob causam haere eos nota inurit.

Quicquid libet licitum judicat. Divina humana decreta juxta contemnit atque conturbat. Jus gentium violat. Leges naturae prophanat, sacra polluit, indicta causa, nec dum, reos condemnat, Aventinus.

Annal. Bojorum l. 7. p. 611.

* Here is the *modus* defined which his Arch-grace challenged all Divines to determine.

* See Fox Acts and Monuments, and Antiquitates Eccles. Brit. in his life.

* See Romes
Muster-piece,
p. 16. 27.

thus to do; his Majesty and his Honourable councell, may at their best leisure enquire of Seignior Georgio Con, (lately come from Rome, some say, as his Holinesse Nuncio, and with a * Cardinals cap for Canterburies Grace) with whom our Prelates and court-clergie are over-familiar, to the great scandall and offence of many.

* Bish. Neale.

To these I could adde some two or three bookes more, of like nature, one of them declaiming much against Puritans, as the only men that are enemies to popery, & hindered the reconciliation of the Church of England to Rome, relating the story of Dr. Theodor Price Subdeane of Westminster his dying a Roman catholique, not long before recommended earnestly to His Majesty by his Arch-grace for the Bishopricke of Bangor, but rejected by his Majesty, as a man altogether unworthy, both for his vicious Epicurean life, and unsoundnesse in religion: together with the late speeches of Pierce son and Hodshan, two Papists in Newcastle, brought into the High-commission at Durham and there coldly prosecuted, for saying and affirming publicly, that the * Archbishop of York, and Dr. Iohn Cosens, were both theirs, and of their religion; which other Papists also have openly averred in England, and more commonly report in forraigne parts; how truly, I refer to themselves and others to determine.

From all these we may now clearly discover our great swaying Prelates concealed practices and intentions to set up Popery, and easily conjecture that all their late Innovations, Altars, Images, bowing to Altars, raising and railing in Lords Tables Altar-wise, Crucifixes, and new licenced popish Pamphlets, tend onely to this purpose, to bring in the whole body of popery among us, by degrees; which they have well nigh effected, and almost quite accomplished.

This therefore being their cleare resolution, intention, confederacy, as most men plainly discern, and generally complaine of; let us all now at last, before it be too late, ere our Religion be quite lost und betray'd beyond recovery: begin to consider, view, and to the utmost of our powers, by all just and lawfull meanes resolve manfully to oppose, withstand these conspirateurs practices, designs, and cry aloud to God, and His Majesty for speedy justice upon them, according to the greatnesse of their Offences, that all others may be terrified from the like perfidious disloyall attempts.

* See Mr. Tindals practice of popish Prelats. Dr. Barnes his Supplication, &c. 28 H. 8. c. 10.

O therefore let us now awake out of our drowsie security, and be no longer cheated with their faire words or specious pretexts, which have hitherto blinded the eyes of most. Looke but upon their deeds, and these their complices testimonies of them, and then their fained speeches and pretences will vanish into smoke; it being the * ancient policy of Lordly Prelates (the readiest men in all ages both to maintaine and set up popery, with the Popes universall authority,) to speake most against popery, when they are busiest to bring it in; and to make the fairest pretences, when they are plotting and executing the foulest designs, of purpose to delude the over-credulous multitude. I shall therefore close up all with the words of old Father Latimer, in his fourth Sermon before King Edward, p. 52, 53. where he writes thus of Lordly unpreaching Prelates, who bore greatest sway in Chnrch and State, but neglected, suppressed preaching. It is to be thought, that some of them would have it so, to bring in popery againe. This I feare me is their intent, and it shall be blowne abroad to our holy Father of Romes eares. and he shall send forth his Thunderbolts upon these bruits; and all this doth come to passe through their un-preaching prelacy. Are they not worthy double honour? nay, rather double dishonour, not to be regarded, nor to be esteemed among the people, and

to have no living at their hands: For as good Preachers be worthy double honour, so unpreaching Prelates be worthy double dishonour. They must be at their doublets. But now these two dishonours, what be they? our Saviour Christ doth shew, Si sal, &c. If the Salt be unsavoury, it is good for nothing but to be cast out, and troden under feet of men. By this Salt is understood Preachers, and such as have cure of soules. What be they worthy then? Wherefore serve they? For nothing else but to be cast out. Make them Quondams, out with them, cast them out of their Office; what should they doe with a Cure that will not looke to it? Another dishonour is this, ut conculcentur ab hominibus, to be troden under mens feet, not to be regarded, not to be esteemed. And well may they thus be served, who have troden both the Lawes of God and the King; yea, King, Subjects, Religion, Justice, Rights, Liberties, under foot, and being treacherous both to God himselfe, and that Religion which they would seeme to professe, can never be loyall, faithfull to his Majesty, or His people committed to their care and cure: scarce one of our swaying Lord Prelates being able to say, that he ever converted one Papist to our Religion, or one soule to God, either by life or doctrine, though they have perverted, murdered, starved, destroyed thousands. This was that I then intended for the Presse.

If any English Protestant, after all these visible most apparent evidences of the long prosecuted Court-designe, to set up popery, and extirpate the Protestant Religion, and the present proceedings of the Papists in Ireland and England by His Majesties Commissions and authority, (who wholly sides with, and relies upon them, as His best, trustiest, and loyallest Subjects, as they formerly have siled many of them,) will be yet so wilfully blinded, as to believe, that the Kings and Courts designes are really to maintaine the Protestant Religion, the priviledges of Parliament, the lawes and liberties of the Subject; and still joyne with the popish Royall party against his Religion, Countrey, Liberties, Priviledges, believing their specific promises and pretences, before their reall contradictory actions, let him goe on and perish in his incredulity. However, I hope, all intelligent Protestants, who have hitherto sided with his Majesty and that party, out of their overmuch credulity of their upright intentions, and ignorance of this their secret designe, upon the serious perusall of the premises, and His Majesties late sending of at least 30 saile of ships from Bristol, (a sad effect of its unhappy surrender) besides other ships elsewhere, to bring over Irish rebels, to ruine our Kingdome and cut our throats, (many of which are already arrived, and have committed great murders and insolencies at Bristol, elsewhere without restraint or punishment) will now, upon consideration of all the premises, for ever desert that Antichristian party, and henceforth unite all their hearts, heads, hands, purses, forces, endeavours to the Parliament, to preserve it, our Church, Religion, Laws, Liberties, Kingdom, Nation, from that imminent ruine threatened to them by the malignant popish faction.

I shall close up all with these few Queres to all English Protestants, who have any sparks of zeale to the protestant Religion, or their owne deare native dying countrey, remaining in their breasts, and yet adhere in person or affection to the Royall popish party, now in open hostility against our Religion, Laws, Liberties, Parliament, either out of meere ignorance and simplicity, or over-much credulity of his Majesties and that prevailing factions sincere intentions to our Religion, and the Republique, published in so many printed Declarations, protestations, of purpose to delude the world.

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First, what certaine or probable assurance they can receive from all his *Majesties* and his evill Councillours late *Declarations* and *Protestations*, not to *connive at Popery*, but cordially to maintaine the *Protestant Religion in its purity and liberty*, to the utmost of his *Regall power*; when as his *Majesties* ancient engagements by the forecited *Articles* and *Oaths to Spaine and France*, his *Letters to the Pope*, his entertainment of professed *Nuncios* from the *Roman Pontife* for sundry yeeres in *London*, his maintaining of an *Agent at Rome*, his forecited *Letters, Protestations, Warrants*, in favour, protection, discharge of the most notorious *Papists, Priests, Jesuits*, his extraordinnry fresh engagements to the *Queen and Popish party*, his arming of *Papists* both in *Ireland & England* against the *Parliament and Protestant party*, his much distastefull *Articles of pacification* with the *Irish Rebels*, after their most inhumane barbarous massacres of so many thousand innocent *Protestants*, without any provocation, his extraordinary late favours towards *Papists*, now most predominant in his *Councils and Affections*, his toleration of open *Popery* in *Ireland*, in all parts of *England*, his present war in their behalfe, with his entertaining of sundry *Irish Rebels* neere him heretofore, and sending for* many thousands of them* into *England* now, as his best and faithfullest *Subjects*, on whom he most relies, to murder his *Protestant Lieges* in *England* as they have done in *Ireland*, with other his *Majesties* and his Councillours late proceedings, infallibly proclaime a direct contrary intention, and quite crosse long agitated designe to all the world?

*See the Popes Briefe, p. 35, 36 37.

*Yea, & French Papists too.

Secondly, with what confidence at all can they expect; that his Majesty and his evill Councillours, who have extraordinarily violated, invaded the *Subjects, Parliaments* indubitable *just Rights, Lawes, Liberties, Priviledges, Properties*, all his reigne (as hath been publicly acknowledged by the King himselfe, and resolved by the *Parliament* when fullest) and since his departure from this *Parliament*, practised it in farre higher degree then ever (contrary to his owne confirmation of the *Petition of right*, the very *Acts* passed by him this present *Parliament*, his many ancient and late quoted *Declarations, Proclamations, Protestations, Speeches, Vowes, Imprecations*,) will after his absolute conquest of the *Parliament* and their *Protestant party* by force of *Armes* (in case he should prevaile) inviolably maintaine their *Lawes, Liberties, Properties, Parliaments, Priviledges, and Religion*, which they have ever heretofore so much infringed, and at this very instant more then ever, even in an open hostile manner?

Thirdly, with what conscience, heart, or spirit they can either in point of *piety* or *policy* confederate and joyn their forces, heads, or purses with the *popish party* now in *Armes* to ruine this present *Parliament*, their owne native *Country, Religion, Lawes, Liberties*, and promote the *Papists* most execrable *Jesuiticall* designes to re-establish *popery*, and the *Popes* *supremacy* in perfection throughout his *Majesties* *Dominions*? and how they will be able to answer this their detestable treachery, their desperate impiety before *Gods* or *Mans Tribunals*, or their owne self-condemning *Consciences*, at the last?

Fourthly, with what stupidity of heart or sottishnesse of spirit they can ever patiently brooke the late stupendious pacification of His Majesty with the barbarous bloody *popish Irish Rebels*, after their treacherous massacring of above one hundred and forty thousand innocent *Protestants* (most of them *English*,) who in stead of taking exemplary vengeance of this their inhumane butchery, hath indulged

* So the
Shrewsbury
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them.

dulged them many favours, and termed them, * HIS GOOD ROMAN CATHOLIQUE SUBJECTS. And how they can ever quietly suffer or digest His Majesties entertainment of thousands of them already in His Army; His bringing over the Protestant English souldiers thence, sent over by the Parliament, that the Papists there may take all the Forts and places of strength; His proclaiming of their Irish embased money to be currant here; but especially His sending over ships, and licences to land many thousand of the popish Irish Rebels speedily on English ground, of purpose to fight against the Parliament, and cut the Protestants throats in *England*, as they have done in *Ireland*; Certainly, that English Protestant who can sit still and patiently suffer such bloody, barbarous, popish Irish villainies to set foot on English ground for such a purpose, and not rise up in Armes, siding with the Parliament, and Protestant party, against them, to expulse or cut them off, hath lost both the spirit of an English man, and the zeale of a reall Protestant; yea, he deserves a brand of eternall infamy, and that he and his posterity should be extirpated by these outrageous beastly monsters of men.

Fifthly, whether His Majesties former arming of English Protestants first (with exclusion of Papists) against the Parliament and their Protestant party, and present sending for the Protestant English Souldiers out of *Ireland* (sent over by the Parliament against the popish treacherous bloody Rebels there, to subdue them) of purpose to fight against their fellow English Protestants, for to secure the Irish popish Rebele; and his after arming of English Papists, and present sending for popish Irish Rebels as his last and best refuge, to succeed and second his protestant Forces; with the placing of his protestant Commanders, Subjects, since their union with his popish Forces, *alwaies in the front of the most dangerous desperate services*, but in the reare of his pay, preferments, and Royall favours, and the Papists *alwaies in the front of his preferments, and in places, services of least danger* (as some intelligent men of the Kings owne party have truly observed, and now complaine of;) be not a most apparent Jesuiticall plot to engage the Protestants of either party to weaken, kill, and ruine one and the other, that so the English, Irish, Scottis confederated Papists (who are still kept furthest off from danger, being rather Spectators then Actors in the hottest services) may by this their Romish stratagem, speedily become the strongest or most predominant party, and so easily conquer the Protestants (as well of the Kings as Parliaments side) and utterly extirpate them, with their Religion, at the last, through this their desperate folly, and most unnaturall unchristian discord. Certainly, what ever crafty Jesuited pates may suggest, or impoliticke childish Protestants adhering to them, conceive to the contrary, yet those who have any skill in Politicks or Machiavilian projects, may most clearly discern this detestable designe against the Protestants (and our English Nation too, now devoted as a prey to the barbarous Irish, and other forraigne Popelings) without the helpe of a perspective. And can, or dare any Protestants then after this discovery of this plot upon them, be any longer be besotted, as from henceforth to fight for or adhere to those mischievous, treacherous, popish Conspirators, who rejoyce at this their folly, and would thus make them the principall instruments of their religions, Countries, yea, their owne destruction? I shall humbly therefore beseech all protestant Cavaliers, and Antiparlimenteers whatsoever, of the contrary party, most seriously to lay this desperate plot to heart (as some of the very common English Protestant souldiers (trans-

ported from *Ireland* hither, to fight against their fellow Protestants and the Parliament) have already done, and then they cannot but desert that Antichristian Lie, and for ever inseparably adhere to the Parliament, as some of these poore Souldiers have done lately to their eternall honour.

*See Dr. Jones
Booke of ex-
aminations.
*See Romes
Master-piece.

Finally, in case the Irish Papists land, and their Faction prevaile, what security or probability can any *English Protestants* who joyn with them, expect either for the safety or enjoyment of their Religion, Lives, Liberties, or Estates? when as those who devoted, designed * all the Protestants in *Ireland* (though allied to them) to the Sword, had their conspiracy taken its full effect, unlesse they would presently renounce their Religion and turne *Romish Catholiques*; and have long since plotted the * *Kings owne death*, if He comply not with them; will doubtlesse spare no *English Protestants* life, liberty, or estate, if they once obtaine the upper hand, unlesse they will become the *Popes sworne vassals*. And the rather may they and we believe it, because some of the Irish Rebels lately landed at *Bristol*, where they murdered two *Vintners* and a *Tapster*, beating out their braines, upon no just occasion at all, and yet were suffered to goe scotfree, and march up in Sir *Ralph Hoptons* Army against the Parliament, as I am certainly informed by some lately come from thence) have openly blamed the *Cavaliers*, for that when *Bristol* was surrendered, they did not put man, woman, and child therein to the Sword notwithstanding their Articles; though punctually observed in no particular, but violated in every thing, as were the Articles since made with *Excester* and *Dartmouth*; A sufficient evidence how little trust is to be reposed either in the Oathes, Articles, Promises, or Protestations of the malignant *Popish* party, whose very Religion instructs them, to keepe no faith at all with hereticks, as they account all Protestants.

*Tcm.9 An.
1624.p.27,28,
29,30.
Two Acts
granted to the
Catholikes:
th one in por-
ting a pardon
of the penal-
ties which they
might have in-
curred by the
Lawes of Par-
liaments; and
the other for
the exercise of
their religion,
every one by
himselfe with-
out scandall.
Of the repose
which the Ca-
tholiques re-
ceived in Eng-
land after that
Don Carlo Co-
loma was there
extraordinary
Ambassadour
of his Catho-
lique Majesty.

What security the Protestant party and Religion; what restraint, disallowance, the *Romish* faction, and their *Roman Catholicke* Errours, Superstitions, Idolatries, shall receive, in case His Majesty and the *Catholiques* prevaile, will appeare by this observable passage in the *French Mercury*, upon the Kings first Articles with *Spaine*.

From this day (of King *James* and His Majesties swearing the *Spanish* Articles) (writes the * *French Mercury*) the sayd *Spanish Ambassadors*, began to sollicit the execution and accomplishment of the promises of His Majesty in favour of *Catholiques*; and after many opinions debated for the forme, and the better execution, it was in the end Resolved, that His Majesty should be supplied, to give every *Catholique* in particular, a pardon under the great Seale, for the penalties which they might have incurred by the Lawes of Parliament made against the *Catholiques*. And that for the time to come His Majesty should likewise by another act under the great Seale also dispence and permit them to exercise their Religion, every one by himselfe, provided that it were without publique scandall; and that he should exempt them from all the Lawes made against them, by what Parliament soever it were. The said Acts were delivered to the said Ambassadour on the behalfe of His Majesty, by the Lord Bishop of *Lincolne* Keeper of the Seale, under promises, that they should not all publish them untill that the marriage was accomplished.

See then (writes Mercury) how all things were happily negotiated in England, From this time forwards the *Catholiques* there were at rest, without feeling any persecution after the arrivall of Don Carlo Coloma; who with a great deale of zeale and diligence obtained the Liberty of *Catholiques* imprisoned throughout all England,

England, Ireland, and Scotland. He likewise obtained, that the Informers, Pursuants, established to seeke out, accuse, and pursue the Catholiques, were prohibited to attempt any thing against them. The Ingresse and Egresse of the Realme was left free to them without Obligation, or swearing the Oath of Supremacy, having only his Passport. They might goe freely to heare Masse in his Chappell, in so great number and so publikely, that sometimes there have bene two or three thousand persons at it. I note who durst to speake against the marriage have been punished, amongst the most signall, the Earle of Oxford was sent prisoner to the Tower of London. So as the *Marquesse of Buckingham* writ into Spain. That the Informers, Pursuants, Prisons, shall serve no more but onely for their owne Ministers, and other persons zealous of the Protestant Religion; (which we have ever since experimentally found to be true.) And by the aforesaid Acts, the King permitted them in expresse words, the free exercise of their Religion.

They shall be no more obliged to take the Oath of Supremacy.

* Note this well.

Don Carlo Coloma hath likewise laid the first stone of the Chappell which shall be built for the *Infanta* in the Princes palace, and the building advanceth apace, to the regret, and to the contentment likewise of many, to see the building of a Catholike Church in the Metropolitane City of the Realme by publique Authority, after that for an hundred yeers space before they had done nothing else there but destroyed them: This and much more doth *Mercury* truly relate, even in the yeere 1624. when the restauration of Popery was but in the Cradle, before the full consummation of the *Spanish match*; to what an altitude of Sovereigne favour, power, authority then will Popery and Papists now arrive unto, after all their expences, services, sufferings, engagements for their Majesties? to what an extraordinary low ebbe and miserable condition will the Protestant party and Religion be reduced thorowout his Majesties Dominions, notwithstanding all his Protestations (in case he should now obtaine a conquest over the Parliament and their adherents) now Popery and Papists are almost arrived to their manly growth, vigour, and have both the King, Queene, and their malignant Councell so deeply ingaged to them both by Oathes and Articles; I referre to all Protestants forraigne and domesticke, most seriously to determine.

These short *Quæres*, with the premises duely pondered, and digested, should then (methinkes) induce every ingenious English Protestant yet adhering to the Court *Popish party*, speedily to abandon, eternally to desert them, and now cordially to unite themselves to the Parliament, and their Protestant English brethren, to live or die together in the present defence of their endangered Religion, Lawes, Liberties, and dearest Country, which they cannot without highest impiety desert, or inhumanely oppose in this time of most apparent dangers, which threaten their subversion.

Wherefore, O besotted Court-protestants, let me here intreat, advise you in Gods owne language, to * come out from among these Antichristian Babylonians, to separate your selves speedily from the Congregation, and to depart from the tents of these wicked, bloody men; that ye be not partakers of their sinnes, and that ye receive not of their plagues: For their sinnes (in their most barbarous treacherous butchering of Gods Saints both in Ireland and England) have now reached unto Heaven, and God hath remembred their iniquities. Reward Romish Babylon, and them, as they have rewarded you, and your Protestant brethren in England, in Ireland; and double unto them double according to their workes; in the Cup which they have filled, fill them double.

* 2 Cor. 6. 11.
Num. 16. 21,
24, 26.
Isay 52. 11.
Rev. 18. 4, 5, 6,
7, 8, &c.

*Revel. 17.
13, 14, &c.

*How much they have lately glorified themselves, so much sorrow give them: the rather, for that Romish Babylon now saith in heart, I sit as Queene (I would we could not truly complaine, by the underhand practices and conspiracies of Kings and Queens against Gods true Religion, Saints;) and am no widow, I shall see no sorrow: Therefore shall her plagues (now suddenly) come in one day, and mourning, and famine, and she shall be utterly burnt with fire; at least thorowout his Majesties Dominions, if not the whole world) for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her; And the **KINGS OF THE EARTH** who have now given their strength and power to the beast, and make warre with the Lamb (who shall overcome them, for that he is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and they who are with him are called and chosen, and faithfull:) and who have committed fornication, and lived deliciously with her, shall bewaile her and lament for her, when they shall see the smoake of her burning; standing afar off, for the feare of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great City Babylon, that mighty City, for in one houre is thy judgement come, &c. For by her sorceries were all Nations deceived: and in her was found the blood of Prophets and of Saints, and **OF ALL THAT WERE SLAIN UPON THE EARTH:** and therefore all the late shed Protestant blood in Ireland, in England, was originally shed by her procurement (as appears by the Popes owne Briefe freshly published, For the inquiry after the death of such Catholikes here in England as shall suffer any kinde of death in England for the Catholike Faith or Cause during those wars, to the end they may be canonized for glorious Saints and Martyrs at Rome, and by other evidences:) and finally, doubtlesse, shall be revenged in her everlasting punishment and subversion.*

Matth. 18. 26. Mar. 4. 22.

Feare them not therefore: for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be knowne and come abroad.

FINIS.
